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## Howe appeals for loyalty

# Heseltine in new pledge on Thatcher

By Philip Webster and Robin Oakley

THE PRIME Minister will lead the Conservatives into the next election and win it, Mr Michael Heseltine predicted last night.

The former Cabinet minister declared that no one had done more than he to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's three governments, and no one would strive harder to secure a fourth term. But his declaration fell short of a personal endorsement for the Prime Minister.

Mr Heseltine's unexpected intervention in the growing speculation about the Conservative Party leadership in the wake of the Mid Staffordshire by-election defeat last Thursday and a welter of adverse opinion polls came after an appeal from Sir Geoffrey Howe that he should declare his support for Mrs Thatcher.

At the same time, senior ministers predicted privately that Mr Heseltine's emergence as the favourite to succeed her would strengthen her resolve to stay on and fight the next election. "She will never hand the party over to Michael," a senior Cabinet source said.

Another minister, Mr Michael Howard, issued a veiled criticism of Mr Heseltine when he warned of the dangers of the Government adopting a more interventionist approach.

The Secretary of State for Employment had Mr Heseltine clearly in his sights when he told the Adam Smith Institute that those who proclaimed their adherence to the free market but in reality "itch to pull levers and throw switches to intervene" would all too easily succumb to each successive call to interfere.

Mr Heseltine's carefully-drafted 160-word statement was issued after talks with allies at Westminster.

It said: "No one did more to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's first government when I launched the first privatization programme of council houses sales. No one did more to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's second government when as Secretary of State for Defence I led the battle against CND.

"No one did more as a backbencher to support the election of Mrs Thatcher's third government when I spoke in 108 constituencies.

"I have repeatedly said I believe Mrs Thatcher will lead the Conservative Party into the next election and that the Conservative Party will win it. If I am proved right in those forecasts, my colleagues know no one will strive harder to secure a fourth term of Conservative government."

The absence in the statement of any praise for Mrs Thatcher was noted at Westminster last night but caused little surprise, given their known differences and the fact that he did not vote for her in the leadership election last autumn, but it was seen as an attempt to calm the feverish speculation about his intentions.

Although Mr Heseltine has never disguised his leadership ambitions, he is anxious to avoid charges of splitting the party. It was noted last night that he had mentioned Mrs Thatcher by name several times in his statement, something he has been accused by opponents of failing to do in the past.

Earlier, his allies had insisted that Mr Heseltine had always been loyal to the Government and had nothing for which to apologize. However, Sir Geoffrey's surprise intervention made it inevitable that he would have to say something.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Sir Geoffrey said: "I would like to see Mr Heseltine doing what we are all doing, which is support the present Government going through the manifest difficulty of securing the acceptance of the change to the community charge and applying the right policies to the reconquest effectively of inflation to sustain the very important progress we have made over the last 10 years."

Asked whether Mr Heseltine should stand up and declare openly that he supported Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey replied: "I think that is right, yes."

Several Conservative MPs had hoped to hear from Mr Heseltine last night that he was available to serve again in the Government. There have been calls for him to be made party chairman to replace Mr Kenneth Baker, who yesterday had a a 45-minute meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss strategy.

Afterwards, Mrs Thatcher's confidence in Mr Baker was made plain and it was emphasized there would be no change in the chairmanship.

Senior Cabinet ministers maintained yesterday that the air of crisis surrounding the Government had been fed by the media. They are braced for continuing difficulties up to and beyond the May local elections, but expect a much quieter parliamentary timetable in June and July — a time when Conservative MPs have proved restless in the past — to ease the pressure on the Government. But there is a growing acceptance that the next general election cannot take place until the autumn of 1991 at the earliest.

Senior ministers are also determined that Conservative MPs should be brought fully into the reassessment of the community charge that is certain to follow this year's painful introduction. Party strategists are concerned that MPs are showing less coolness under fire than activists in the country. One way of tackling this will be to improve consultation.

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## Tear gas breaks up Sharpeville protest

African demonstrators fleeing tear gas fired by police at an illegal march in protest against conditions in Sharpeville yesterday

## Deaths threaten Pretoria talks

From Gavin Bell
Johannesburg

NEGOTIATIONS between the South African Government and the African National Congress have been jeopardized by yesterday's clashes between police and huge crowds of demonstrators, in which at least two people died and about 300 were injured, and guerrilla attacks in black townships.

Most of the casualties were in Sebokeng, south of the city, which resembled a battlefield after police opened fire with shotguns on tens of thousands of people protesting against high rents and racially segregated town councils. The order to fire was given by senior officers at the scene when the crowd ignored a judicial ban on the demonstration.

At one point panic-stricken blacks stumbled over the bodies of others hit by birdshot and rubber bullets in their haste to flee. Hospital workers said most of the casualties had been shot in the back.

An interim police report late yesterday said: "The situation is volatile, with police coming under constant attack, mainly by stone-throwing mobs. It is impossible to furnish reliable casualty figures, but we can confirm a number of people injured, including two policemen."

Guerrillas meanwhile attacked council offices in Soweto and a nearby power station with rocket-propelled grenades and limpet mines, but nobody was injured.

Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order, appealed for calm after touring the trouble spots, which included Sharpeville. He expressed particular concern about white vigilante groups being formed in the Orange Free State town of Welkom, and reports of blacks being beaten with whips and clubs.

"This can be very dangerous, and will solve nothing," he said. "It can only lead to further problems, so I would request the public to allow the police and security forces to deal with the situation."

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## Bush warns against force in Lithuania

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow, and Anatol Lieven, Vilnius

PRESIDENT Bush has warned the Soviet leader that all opportunities for future co-operation with the United States will be jeopardized if Moscow uses force in Lithuania. The warning, later repeated in Washington by Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, was conveyed by Senator Edward Kennedy in a 90-minute meeting with President Gorbachov in the Kremlin yesterday.

According to the senator, who is making what is technically a private visit to Moscow, Mr Gorbachov had reiterated his commitment to resolve the situation in Lithuania peacefully and in accordance with the Soviet Constitution.

He was said to have qualified his assurances for the first time, however, by indicating that force might be used "if lives were threatened". There has been speculation that the Soviet leadership could use a real or imagined threat to the safety of ethnic Russians in the republic as a pretext for all-out military intervention.

Mr Kennedy said his discussion with Mr Gorbachov had been dominated by Lithuania and that the Soviet leader had set out the areas of conflict between Moscow and Lithuania in detail.

He denied that he had been entrusted with any special message by the US Administration, but said he had met President Bush immediately before coming to Moscow and that the President had made clear his views on Lithuania.

Mr Kennedy said he was optimistic the opportunities for co-operation with the Soviet Union "not only in arms control, but in economic affairs and human rights" would not be lost. But he said the world's perception of President Gorbachov would be undermined by the use of force. It would "also hinder in an important and significant way a number of potential opportunities in the areas of trade, arms control and scientific and technical exchanges".

Meanwhile, the outcome of talks between the Lithuanian leadership of President Landsbergis and Soviet officers in Vilnius yesterday was initially reported to be an agreement that no further action would be taken without consultation.

However, President Landsbergis said later: "We have not received clear assurances about which buildings might be occupied in future or that movement of troops will be notified in advance to enable us to calm down our people."

Foreign journalists based in Moscow were still prevented from travelling to Vilnius yesterday, but those already there were not being required to leave.

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## Bishop drops out of race

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

THE BISHOP of Oxford, one of the most favoured candidates to succeed the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, disowned any ambition in the matter yesterday.

Bishop Richard Harries, who is no stranger to Lambeth Palace as one of Dr Runcie's speech-writers, said: "I don't want the job, and I don't think it's appropriate for me or any other bishop to speculate on it."

Dr Runcie announced on Sunday that he was retiring from the end of next January, which started the process for selecting a successor.

None of the other possible contenders entered the lists yesterday, though recent remarks from the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robert Eames, were taken as a clear hint of his hopes.

Asked on a radio programme last week about succeeding Dr Runcie, he said: "It is not for anyone to say

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## Lawson warning on delayed ERM entry

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

MR NIGEL LAWSON yesterday intensified the pressure on the Prime Minister to agree to early entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, warning that the Government's commitment against inflation was at risk.

The former Chancellor of the Exchequer described Britain's non-membership as "an exposed flank" and suggested the timetable envisaged by the Government might be "too leisurely for the circumstances in which we find ourselves".

Mr John Major, the Chancellor, said in the Budget speech last week that the conditions for joining the ERM stood, remarks which gave the impression that Britain might join next year.

Mr Lawson's differences with Mrs Margaret Thatcher on the EMS led to his departure from office last October.

In the Budget debate yesterday he said Conservative policies had brought unparalleled improvements. That would continue only if the exposed flank was protected, which meant early entry.

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## Ministers face new tax anger

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

MINISTERS were last night bracing themselves for renewed backbench Tory protests over the implementation of the community charge.

MPs were due to vote on a Labour resolution rejecting the Government's plans to cushion the introduction of the poll tax through transitional relief worth £810 million over three years.

Labour engineered the 90-minute late-night debate not to wreck the the scheme but to highlight ministers' difficulties over the reform. A number of Tory MPs seeking more generous subsidies were expected to rebel against the Government.

The three-year transitional relief scheme is aimed at helping people living in low-rated property faced with a sharp rise in payments after the switch from rates to the community charge. It is intended to ensure that increases are held to no more than £3 a week.

However, the additional help is available only up to the notional poll tax determined in Whitehall for local authorities and does not cover community charges exceeding this amount.

Because so many councils are spending well above the Government's targets, many people will find that their bills will rise by much more than the theoretical maximum of £156 a year.

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## Appliance of science to the Dead Sea Scrolls

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

THE DEAD Sea Scrolls, one of the greatest surviving archives of the Holy Land, are soon to be carbon-dated, more than 40 years after their discovery in desert caves in Palestine.

The dating process will, it is hoped, help settle a dispute among scholars that places the scrolls at two different times nearly four centuries apart.

Since the scrolls include the earliest known texts of some of the books of the Bible, the dating process, and its resolution, will prove to be of interest to Christians, Muslims and Jews alike, and may settle the question of whether the Essenes, a mysterious sect living in ancient Palestine, held "Christian" beliefs centuries before the birth of Christ.

Nearly 800 papyrus and leather scrolls have survived, and Mr Magen Broshi, a custodian of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, where some of the documents are on display, said at least a dozen would be dated.

Some experts believe they were written after the birth of Christ by his early followers in Palestine. But the majority of biblical scholars believe that the scrolls dated to the second or third century BC and were written by the esoteric Essene sect. Mr Broshi, however, said this assessment was based on a study of ancient handwriting styles and not on any independent scientific method. "We will now see if physics agrees with this," he said.

Professor Geza Vermes, a professor of Jewish Studies at Oxford University, said yesterday that it was believed that the scrolls were a collection of documents hidden in about AD 66 to 70 during the first large Jewish revolution against the Romans.

"I would greatly welcome any greater precision in dating these scrolls," said Professor Vermes. "However, the carbon-dating will not necessarily solve the problem once and for all because the documents were compiled over centuries, most written in 300 BC and others only completed in the first century AD."

The dating has been thought necessary because of the claim by critics, such as Professor Robert Eisenman, of California State University, that the unpublished scrolls were the product of early Christian groups. Professor Eisenman and his colleagues believe that certain phrases commonly used in the early Church, together with what they interpret as cryptic references to Herod the Great, who lived in the first century BC, prove the later dating. Although none of the scrolls has been carbon-dated before, part of the linen wrappings of one was dated more than 30 years ago. It gave an age of AD 33 plus or minus 200 years, too imprecise to be of use.

The new investigation will employ a technique known as accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS), in which the remaining atoms of carbon-14 are counted directly.

The method will require a piece of parchment only the size of a postage stamp and may give a result accurate to within 50 years. The Israel Antiquities Authority expects work to begin at a laboratory in Europe within the coming weeks.

In Switzerland, Professor Willy Woelfli, of the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, said he would be prepared to date the scrolls so long as he could direct the operation.

# Bottomley fails to defuse nurses' protest

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

NURSES demanding poll tax rebates for all nursing students gave Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the Minister for Health, an angry reception at their annual congress in Brighton yesterday.

They booed and hissed throughout Mrs Bottomley's speech as she refused to give assurances on key issues of concern.

The Royal College of Nursing has been pressing the Government to extend the 80 per cent poll tax rebate for the 2,000 students on Project 2000 training courses to all 60,000 student nurses.

Miss Linda Bailey, a nursing student from Lambeth, south London, said she would have to pay £580 a year in poll tax. "Why should the majority of student nurses have to pay 100 per cent of the charge when trainees in the armed forces who are earning over £9,500 a year pay only 20 per cent?" she demanded. A first-year student nurse working outside London earns £5,695.

Mrs Bottomley insisted that salaried student nurses, apart from those on the Project 2000 courses being implemented in 16 districts, would be treated like any other salaried health authority staff. Students in London would receive an 11 per cent increase by the end of the year and a 28 per cent rise this year in London waiting.

There was no relevance in a comparison with the armed forces, who had a different employer, she said.

Earlier, Miss Maude Storey, the college president, claimed the poll tax was anomalous, divisive and short-sighted. It was divisive because it set one class of nursing student apart from the other. "It is short-sighted because it acts as another entirely avoidable deterrent to recruitment into nursing," she said.

Schools of nursing had reported that students have been checking the local community charge rate applying for a place, Miss Storey said. The viability of courses in high poll tax areas would be threatened.

Mrs Bottomley was also pressed to set up a national inspectorate to monitor and set standards in both health and local authority services. However, again she made it evident that the Government was not planning such a move. "There are other ways of achieving equality than having an inspectorate which would be yet another body and yet another organization," she said.

Quality would be specified in the contracts to be drawn up between health authorities and hospitals from next April.

Much of Mrs Bottomley's speech was devoted to praising nurses on their achievements and their hard work, but her comments were regarded as patronizing. "She misjudged nurses in terms of believing that her reassurances were all that were needed," Miss Christine Hancock, the college general secretary, said at a press conference later. The minister did touch on the need for more part-time jobs, work break schemes, flexible hours and workplace nurseries to attract both mature entrants and returners. "I believe that the NHS should be a pioneer in the innovative and flexible deployment of staff, especially nurses — and it should be in the vanguard of efforts to support mothers who want to return to work," she said.

However, she did not promise more central funding. There would be no rigid blueprint from the Department of Health and it was up to individual authorities to learn from good practice throughout the country.

This morning the presidents of the Royal Medical Colleges will join the RCN in Brighton to present a statement calling for a staged introduction of the NHS reforms in two regions to see if they work.

The Royal colleges will be pressing Conservative peers to back an amendment in the NHS and Community Care Bill urging for a formal evaluation of the changes which are due to be implemented nationally from next April.

The colleges argue there is no evidence that the changes, which include self-governing hospitals, GP practice budgets and an internal market in health care, will improve patient care.

This request, however, met with little sympathy from Mrs Bottomley yesterday. "It would be quite wrong now to delay the implementation of the Bill. Uncertainty is antipathetic to confidence." In order to maintain confidence it was important to proceed with all speed with the changes.

● Artists Against the Poll Tax, featuring rock bands, disc jockeys, comedians and other entertainers, was launched at the House of Commons by the Labour MP Mr David Nellist yesterday.

However, most of the artists expected failed to appear at the 11am press conference. Mr Philip Green, the organizer, blamed the showbusiness habit of late rising and the clocks going forward.

JOHN WILLIAMS

Mrs Bottomley and Miss Linda Bailey, a student nurse from Lambeth worried at the prospect of a £580 poll tax bill

## Fathers who leave children must pay

By Nicholas Wood

MEASURES intended to make fathers who abandon children meet financial obligations were announced by the Government yesterday.

They are aimed at helping 500,000 mothers who receive no maintenance payments, at a cost to the taxpayer of £850 million a year.

Under an interim package, the Department of Social Security will be able to claw back from absentee fathers maintenance payments made to mothers as well as to children. Single parents returning to work will no longer have to seek a new maintenance order, and the Department of Social Security will enforce unpaid maintenance orders.

## Student fund

THE ALLOWANCE for hardship cases under the Government's student loans proposals is to be doubled to £20 million a year. The "access funds" money will be spent on students hit by the freezing of grants, the introduction of student loans and the abolition of housing benefits.

## Raid damages

MR IAN Cutler, a freelance photo-journalist yesterday accepted £15,000 agreed damages in the High Court after suing the Metropolitan Police for damage to his property and the humiliation of a raid on his house in Upper Holloway, north London, in 1985. The police agreed to pay costs.

## Supergrass case

A SUPERGRASS with a £250,000 contract on his life was given a 27-month jail sentence by the Central Criminal Court yesterday after helping to trap a gang which smuggled £22 million of cannabis. Robert Westbury, of Christchurch, Dorset, admitted conspiracy to traffic drugs.

## Car fire deaths

TWO children aged 19 months and 3 years were burned to death yesterday after the car in which they were sitting in the driveway of a house in Sale, Manchester, caught fire. Two workers who attacked the blaze with an extinguisher were beaten back by the intense heat.

## Feet first

Prince Edward walked to and from work yesterday to benefit London's homeless. It is hoped that he and many others who gave their fares or petrol money to Charity Projects' "Feet First" campaign will have raised £100,000. The money will go to agencies helping the homeless.

## CORRECTION

The first chapter of *Bab Metzia*, referred to in Rabbi Isaac Bernstein's article, "Spirit of Jewry revived", yesterday is devoted to civil law, not war as printed.

# End of the line for junk calls

By David Sapsted

THE DAYS of "junk" telephone calls from double-glazing salesmen, insurance agents and kitchen-equipment suppliers may be numbered.

Proposals to outlaw unsolicited sales calls to individuals in their homes have been submitted to Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director-general of the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), who is determined to crack down on what the trade describes as "cold calls".

Sir Bryan will be studying proposals this week from the British Direct Marketing Association, the cold-callers' trade association, suggesting that a Telephone Preference Service be set up. Theoretically, it would operate in the same way as the Mail Preference Service, which enables people who do not wish to receive junk mail to have their names taken off mailing lists.

A firm which called a person after he or she had requested otherwise would be liable to have its Branch Systems General Licence — under which all multiple-phone users operate — revoked.

Later this year, the British Direct Marketing Association will also be putting forward proposals to control the growing problem of junk faxes, the unwanted transmissions clogging thousands of offices' facsimile receivers.

# Dismissive magistrates 'in error'

By Frances Gibb

MAGISTRATES were warned by the High Court yesterday not to use their power to dismiss cases as a way of punishing the Crown Prosecution Service over "slip ups" in bringing cases to trial.

In a test case mounted by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Lord Justice Mustill, sitting with Mr Justice Schiemann, said: "Justices are there to try cases and not punish prosecuting authorities.

"The public has an interest in ensuring that properly brought prosecutions are properly conducted in court."

The judges allowed the applications for a judicial review, by Mr Allan Green QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, of decisions made by Swansea magistrates to dismiss two cases.

In February last year the magistrates blocked a prosecution on a criminal damage charge because the principal prosecution witness failed to appear on time. They also dismissed a case because two police witnesses failed to turn up after a mix-up over dates.

Lord Justice Mustill said that the Swansea magistrates had fallen into error in both cases by refusing adjournments. But he refused to quash the acquittals of the defendants, saying it would be unfair for them to face fresh trials because of the long lapse of time since they were charged.

# Millions may 'lose' relief on their poll tax payments

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

MILLIONS of people who might have thought they were to be protected by the Government's transitional relief scheme for the poll tax will shortly find out the extent of their mistake.

Even those who get some money out of the scheme may find — on one estimate — that they are worse off by up to £4.50 net a week.

At the Conservative Party conference last autumn, Mr David Hunt, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, delighted his colleagues by grafting the special relief scheme on poll tax rebates. He appeared to promise that individuals more than £3-a-week worse off under poll tax than under the rates would get protection.

In fact, Mr Hunt's qualification — that his calculations applied only if the local authority spends at the officially approved level — renders them academic. Labour's charge that the Government was trying to "bribe" voters may itself turn out to be academic.

According to the Department of the Environment, 7.5 million people in England and Wales, mainly occupants of houses with low rateable values, will qualify under the transitional relief scheme. In addition, the scheme has been opened to pensioners and disabled people who are not themselves ratepayers but are facing a sharp rise in outlays to their local authority.

However, many people will find the *net* amount they pay to local government increases. Because their council's poll tax is above the Whitehall-approved level, they get relief only up to a certain point and beyond that have to bear the full costs of the poll tax.

Bristol provides an example. Average rates there this year are £547 a household. The poll tax is £331. A two-person household is thus some £115 worse off. This is less than the £156 threshold, so this household pays its £2.21 extra a week without protection. But Bristol's *actual* poll tax is £490 a head, which means each household member is £217 a year or over £4 a week worse off.

A spokesman for Labour-controlled Bristol City Council said yesterday that it was concentrating on telling residents about the rebates for poll tax rather than the transitional relief, because few people would benefit from it and mostly by tiny sums.

The Government committed over £800 million to the scheme, over three years.

● A faction within the ruling Labour group on Liverpool City council is threatening to vote against the poll tax figure recommended by its leaders.

Echoing the refusal of Labour councillors to set a rate in 1985, which led to their disqualification and surcharge, rebel councillors may have sufficient votes to prevent the council levying a poll tax at the council meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

Last night, Ms Joyce Gould, a national Labour Party official, addressed Labour councillors as the council leader, Mr Keva Coombes, threatened to resign.

Liverpool has set its budget for 1990-91, but has yet to ratify the poll tax figure implied by the budget — £449 per head. It is supposed to do this by March 31.

Among 56 Labour councillors, Mr Coombes faces 21 taking a hard line on the poll tax.

He said: "Without a poll tax in place, Liverpool goes bankrupt on Monday. I cannot stand by and see that happen."

Mr Keva Coombes: city is risking bankruptcy

# Relief scheme: who is eligible?

MILLIONS of poll tax payers are expected to be eligible for the Government's transitional relief scheme (David Walker writes). However, many are confused about how to work out their entitlements. Here are details of the scheme:

*Q. Who benefits from transitional relief?*

A. Category One are ratepaying householders in England and Wales (but only two members of any given household) whose "notional" poll tax bill is more than £3 a week in excess of the rates that were paid on the property in the year up to March 31 1990.

Category Two are pensioners and disabled people who did not pay rates but who also face a £3 a week rise in their outlays under poll tax. Spouses of ratepayers are not in their category.

*Q. What is the "notional" poll tax?*

A. Whitehall says councils need levy no more than is needed to pay for current expenditure plus inflation, calculated at 3.8 per cent. At present inflation is 7.5 per cent.

*Q. Do I have to apply?*

A. In many cases, councils will apply the relief before sending out bills. It depends on their computer software and their overall efficiency. It is wise to check whether the relief has been given.

*Q. What do I get?*

A. The answer is in two parts. First, the "official" version, based on a two-adult household paying £300 in rates this year. The official or "notional" poll tax is £275. This couple, taken together, face an increase in their outlays of £250 (that is £550 in poll tax minus their rates). The Government threshold is £3 a week worse off, that is £156 a year. This couple therefore qualify for £94 in relief, of £47 each. Their poll tax is thus cut from £275 to £228 each.

However, next comes the "unofficial" part. Instead of poll tax being set at the notional level, what happens if it is *actually* £400? Well, instead of paying £228, each member of this household has to pay an additional £172. Compared with rates, each is £150 a year or £2.80 a week worse off. They have had their protection, in other words, and are still worse off.

*Q. What happens if I move house?*

A. There will be no protection for those who have no connection with a property that was rated and who become liable for the poll tax after April 1 1990 — unless they fit into Category Two above.

*Q. How long will protection be offered?*

A. For three financial years, that is until the end of March 1993.

*Q. What about community charge rebates?*

A. Transitional relief stands on its own. Eligibility for it and payments under it do not affect eligibility for rebates.


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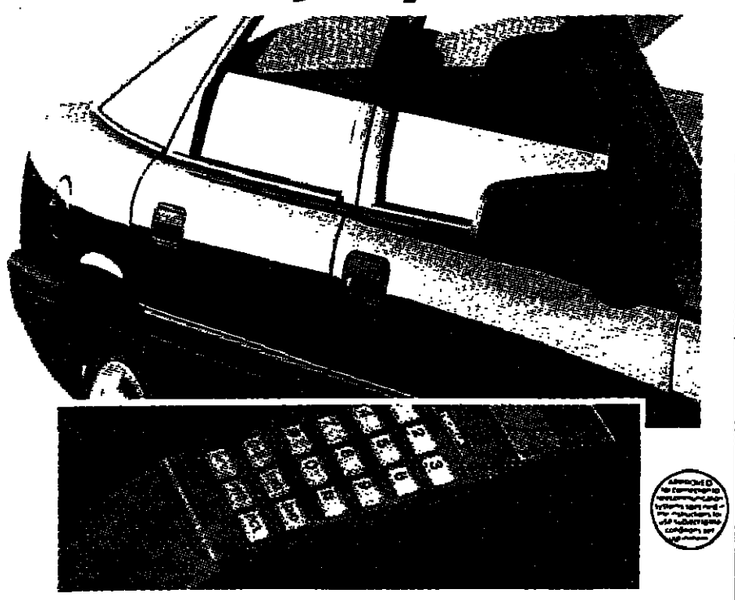

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# Ministers set out to solve problems facing homeless

By John Lewis, Political Staff

THE GOVERNMENT will today take the first steps to deal with the thousands of young people living rough in cities.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning, is to announce an extra £148 million to be spent on the homeless in the coming financial year, starting next month, with a further £102 million next year.

Most of the money, £112 million for local authorities and £36 million for housing associations, will go on renovating empty, run-down council housing to take the homeless. There will also be some hostel accommodation for single people.

There are about 125,000 "statutory" homeless in Britain, whom councils have to house. About 38,000 are in temporary accommodation, invariably bed and breakfast.

Mr Spicer is hoping to cut the number of homeless in temporary housing by 15,000 over the next two years.

This should free bed and breakfast accommodation for the "non-statutory" homeless living in "cardboard cities" or shop doorways.

Mr Spicer said: "The schemes we have looked at favourably are those which bring existing property, thought to be sub-standard, back into use, but the money can be used for new buildings and hostels as well."

Ministers believe that they have an answer to the "statutory" problem. The "non-statutory" problem, however, is growing, with several thousand young people thought to be living rough in London alone.

Mr Spicer said that the problem was common to many cities in the rest of Europe and in the United States.

A primary cause is thought to be the same as for the statutory homeless: the breakup of marriages and the alienation of children in care. Another cause is believed to be young people, some as young as 13, with what Mr Spicer called "a misplaced sense of independence".

He said: "People arrive in London thinking they have the bright lights in front of them, when, in fact, it can be extremely dangerous."

It is, however, not simply a question of providing hostel-type accommodation. For one thing, there is often antipathy between younger and older vagrants. There is also the question of whether the young would use the facilities.

Government committees are considering solutions. There is no doubt about the political, as well as social, urgency. The sight of young people sleeping rough is often blamed, rightly or wrongly, on a "Thatcherite society".

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# Social Fund powers clarified

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

LEGAL changes aimed at reasserting ministerial control over the cost of emergency payments to the poor were announced by the Government yesterday.

The move came after a High Court ruling last month that ministers were exceeding their powers in official guidance to local Social Fund officers because it was too prescriptive and left insufficient scope for flexibility.

The Social Security Bill now before Parliament will be amended to clarify the powers of Mr Tony Newton, the Secretary of State for Social Security, to exercise control over the £215 million fund.

Mr Nicholas Scott, the Minister of State for Social Security, was attacked by Labour for an "incompetent, cynical and dishonest" response to the court's judgement.

Mr Scott also announced that the amount allocated to the Social Fund would rise by £10 million to £215 million next month.

The fund, two-thirds of which is made available in loans, covers payments for items such as furniture and kitchen appliances for about 400,000 claimants.

Mr Scott said: "Although the court found that some of the guidance on budgets was too prescriptive, its judgement explicitly recognized that Parliament clearly intended that the Social Fund should be subject to strict monetary limits and that the Secretary of State needs to be able to give directions to achieve financial control."

As a result, he was introducing an amendment to make explicit the Secretary of State's controls on the extent and use of payments.

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# Detectives investigate charity's tele sales

By Mark Souster

HERTFORDSHIRE Fraud Squad is investigating a charity which uses telephone sales techniques to raise money for underprivileged children in the Third World.

The Children at Risk Fund has been receiving up to £1,000 a day, yet to date only £150 has been given to Oxfam and little if any has gone to other charities.

Accountants have also been called in to inspect the books of the charity — set up last July — after complaints by trustees, one of whom resigned last week. Only £800 has been received in unsolicited public donations.

While there is no evidence of criminal offences having been committed, concern has been expressed at the charity's tactics. Oxfam complained to the Charity Commission at the end of January about the use of its name during telephone canvassing.

*Children at Risk*, based at the Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, employs 40 staff, mainly women on a part-time basis. They are paid £4 an hour.

The charity raises money through emotive telephone sales. According to one source, employees are told they must sell at least £100 of advertising space per shift for a planned local business directory on the lines of the Thomson Local Directory. Sales staff use a prepared script when canvassing for advertisements.

"People are being deceived. They think 85 per cent of the cost of their advertisment is going to charity, and only 15 per cent is being used on adminstration. So far this has not been the case," the source said.

No directory has yet been produced, although one was promised within six months.

Oxfam said yesterday: "We are concerned about the operations and tactics of Children at Risk Fund and their use of Oxfam's good name."

Oxfam has asked the charity to stop using its name and for it to account for any funds received while Oxfam's name was being used.

It is believed that the Children at Risk Fund has raised more than £50,000 since its incorporation, the bulk since January when its telephone sales operation was stepped up. Mr Richard Hancock, aged 44, of Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, the chairman and a trustee of the charity said: "Most of the income has gone on salaries and telephone bills. We do intend bringing out a directory later this year."

It is understood that the charity's last quarterly telephone bill was about £20,000.

Mr Hancock believed the police would exonerate the charity. "If they had found anything wrong they would have closed us on the spot."

References to Oxfam by sales staff had been a mistake and would not be repeated.

"We were sending money to Oxfam and expected to send more as a means of getting aid to Kampuchea," Mr Hancock said, adding that he had asked the Charity Commission to find another charity to whom Children at Risk could send its income.

"Eventually 85 per cent of our income will go to help water projects in Kampuchea. Every penny can be accounted for," he said.

The delay in producing a directory had been because Children at Risk wanted to ensure every business had an opportunity of advertising.

● The Charity Commission confirmed yesterday that it is to launch an inquiry into the collapse of War on Want, the Third World aid charity that is to be wound up.

War on Want has estimated debts of £2million, including a £780,000 overdraft secured on its south-east London headquarters, which are for sale.

War on Want needed the money to help to repay two consortiums of British and European charities £1.7 million after they decided to pull out of joint financial long-term aid projects in Ethiopia and separate their accounts. Part of the money also went on redundancy payments.

● Legislation to reform charity law and reduce the risk of fraud and maladministration in the £13 billion charitable sector is likely to be delayed for another year.

Senior Government officials said yesterday the parliamentary session beginning in November was already "choc-a-bloc" with planned Bills and that legisation on charities would probably have to wait until the session starting November 1991.

# Gentle Rottweiler's lonely message for No 10

PETER TRIEVNOR

A LONE Rottweiler named Susie outside the gates of Downing Street yesterday after Mrs Yvonne Wilson (standing), her owner, and Mrs Alison Hodges, another owner, had handed in at No 10 a petition containing 300 signatures. It opposed the banning of Rottweilers or making their owners obtain special licences (Robin Young writes). Plans for up to 100 Rottweilers and their owners to march on Downing Street to present the petition were abandoned on Sunday because they could have coincided with an anti-apartheid demonstration. As it was, Susie, during her token appearance, didn't bare a tooth or put a paw out of place.

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# Turkish kidney donors 'told lies'

By John Young

AT LEAST two Turks lied when they claimed they were not seeking further payments for donating their kidneys, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, said that when the Turks gave evidence to the hearing in December, they did not tell the whole truth because they had an interest to serve.

Mr Ferhat Usta and Mrs Hatice Anutkan had instructed a solicitor with a view to bringing a civil action, Mr Arlidge said.

He was making his closing speech on behalf of Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street specialist who denies serious professional misconduct. Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist, and Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, face similar charges in relation to four Turks said to have been paid for their kidneys.

Earlier, Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the GMC, had said the committee should bear in mind the civil claim which might have led the witnesses to exaggerate.

Mr Arlidge said the case against the doctors was unsatisfactory, most obviously because of the absence of Mr Ata Nur Kunter. Mr Kunter and his brothers have been described as kidney brokers.

What the Turks said to Mr Kunter was inadmissible, and if that evidence was eliminated, the rest was circumstantial, Mr Arlidge said.

The practice of paying donors had been known since 1985, but it had been outlawed only last summer. Should doctors "stay in their tents, or do all they reasonably could to save lives?" Mr Arlidge asked.

Resuming his closing speech earlier, Mr Henderson said Dr Crockett must have told "a pack of lies" about his knowledge of the relationship between Mr Ahmet Koc — who said his kidney had been stolen without his consent — and the recipient.

It would be "a monstrous wickedness" if Dr Crockett had been party to the duping of Mr Koc, Mr Henderson said. Such a thing would be unbelievable. But when it came to the payments, the committee could be certain that Dr Crockett knew exactly what was going on.

It had to decide whether Mr Koc was telling an enormous pack of lies, having set out to sell his kidney; or had he been duped by the Kunters and not realized what was happening until it was too late.

The case continues today.

# Linley sues for libel over 'lager lout' story

By Michael Horsnell

LORD LINLEY became the first member of the Royal Family to bring a libel action to court yesterday when he sued a newspaper for portraying him as "an upper-class lager lout".

According to a gossip column report in *Today*, the Queen's nephew had been banned from a London public house after throwing a pint of beer at a group of friends. But the report was a fabrication, a High Court jury was told.

Lord Linley, aged 28, said: "My first instinct was to be incredibly angry due to the fact that it was totally untrue. My second thought was that probably my family would read it and that it could have a damaging effect on them."

The son of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon is seeking damages against the newspaper's publishers, News (UK) Ltd.

Mr Charles Gray, QC, his counsel, told Mr Justice Michael Davies that the article, headlined "Hooray Linley's local says ale and farewell" appeared in the Chris Hutchins *Confidential* column on March 28 last year.

It alleged he was banned from the Ferret and Firkin at Chelsea Harbour after a "childish beer-throwing incident involving David and a group of his chums".

In fact, Lord Linley had visited the public house only once, two years earlier, and had never engaged in hooligan behaviour, Mr Gray said.

"This story portrayed Lord Linley as a 'Hooray Henry' and described him as having behaved in the manner of an upper-class lager lout."

Lord Linley: Concerned about effect on his family

The next day, Lord Linley wrote to the newspaper seeking damages, an apology and a correction, but *Today* said it stood by its story.

In the article, Mrs Carolyn Peacock, the manageress of the public house, was alleged to have said: "Linley and about eight of his pals came in at lunchtime and ordered a round of beer. He amazed everyone when he picked up his pint and chucked it over the others."

The article went on: "Before things got completely out of hand, I went over and told him that we cater only for adults and that he'd better go to the kindergarten playground next door.

"At that point one of his pals said, 'Do you know who this man is, madam?' I told them it made no difference to me and they could go outside and quietly pour beer over each other's heads, but not to throw it around in here."

At the end of the article Mrs Peacock was reported as saying: "David Linley is quite a regular here and he's nice when he's not being arrogant and throwing his money around like his beer. He often pops in but now we keep a close eye on him to make sure he doesn't get out of order."

Lord Linley noticed that the article was largely quotes attributed to Mrs Peacock, so he called to see her the next day. Mrs Peacock told him she had said nothing to any reporter about any such incident.

Mr Gray said it was right that someone in Lord Linley's position had to put up with the "persistent and sometimes rather unwelcome attentions of the press", but this time he felt the story was over the limit because it was fictitious.

The jury was asked to take into account the "high-handed way" in which *Today* dealt with the complaint, publishing an apology at the last minute six weeks ago.

Lord Linley said the Ferret and Firkin was not his "local" though he had once had a pleasant lunch there.

As chairman of David Linley Furniture, he feared the article could have damaged his business reputation. "Say I was going to a meeting with the bank or a company about to place a large order. The minute they read that I was seen splashing beer they perhaps would not place their order."

He added: "I have a lot of press comments and so one does harden oneself to certain matters of inaccuracy, but this was completely untrue and I felt they had gone too far.

"I was extremely hurt that it was alleged I should do anything like that."

Mrs Peacock told the court she had never spoken to any journalist about any such beer-throwing incident.

The case continues today.

● The last time a member of the Royal Family appeared in court is believed to have been during the Great Baccarat scandal of 1890, when a slander action was brought by a card player accused of cheating. The then Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) gave evidence about the game, at which he was a player.

# Lawyers attack court work changes

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

PLANS by the Lord Chancellor's Department to allow court staff to take over a range of work from judges, including drawing up papers for "quickie" divorces, were criticized by the Law Society yesterday.

In its response to the department, the society said it would be "disastrous" to send more work down to officials at a time when staff in many courts cannot cope with the existing workload.

Nor, the society says, would it be appropriate for an administrative official to decide whether a divorce should be granted or not.

The Lord Chancellor's Department says the reforms are aimed at freeing registrars, one of the junior judicial tiers, so that they can cope with an expected rise in county court work. However, the Law Society says courts are already struggling with high staff turnover and problems in recruiting and retaining people of the right calibre.

The Lord Chancellor's Department issued a consultation paper in January proposing that a range of work be devolved to court officials.

The society is concerned that some of the functions chosen for devolution, such as consent orders and special procedure certificates, are too "judicial" in nature to be done by administrative staff. It says there should be judicial scrutiny of the documents.

However, it backs plans to empower administrators to rule on so-called attachment of earnings orders, and other proposals, including granting administrators authority in cases involving debt collection, were acceptable subject to strict guidelines.

● The Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's Department are expected to drop plans to replace committal proceedings with an administrative paper procedure for sending cases direct to the crown court without a hearing.

It is now believed that officials will move towards a reform of the committal system that involves a paper transfer system only if both prosecution and defence agree, while preserving the defendant's right to insist on, and attend, a formal committal hearing.

The defence would have the right to a formal committal and both prosecution and defence would retain the right to a full "old-style" committal, with statements read or evidence called.

# BBC apologizes to petrol industry over report errors

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

THE BBC apologized "unreservedly" to Shell UK and other leading oil companies yesterday for errors and misinformation in a *Watchdog* programme on petrol pricing.

The extent of the mistakes made by *Watchdog* in its consumer report broadcast on October 9 is reflected in the 480-word correction and apology the BBC has agreed to print in the forthcoming edition of *Radio Times*. A slightly shorter version will be screened at peak viewing times tonight on BBC 1 and tomorrow on BBC 2.

The BBC, which is proud of its impartial and accurate reporting, has been forced to make the embarrassing climbdown because of numerous inaccuracies and misleading statements in the item about the petrol industry and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) investigation into it.

The *Watchdog* presenter made accusations of profiteering and collusion by the petrol retailing industry and claimed to have an unpublished interim report from the commission to support the allegations. No such document existed.

An unnamed journalist who helped to make the programme has been reprimanded but will remain in the BBC's topical features section, the corporation said yesterday. Shell UK had feared that the timing of the *Watchdog* report could prejudice the outcome of the commission's inquiry into the petrol retailing business.

Mr Bob Reid, chairman and chief executive of Shell UK, said yesterday: "The account by *Watchdog* of how the petrol industry is run was unbalanced and seriously inaccurate. It also misrepresented an MMC document as an 'interim report' and implied that the programme's critical and damaging conclusions were endorsed by the MMC. Subsequent developments have shown that to be totally untrue.

"We went to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission because a request to the BBC for a correction was refused. When the MMC's report appeared it showed that the case we put to the commission was irrefutable and that our request for a correction had been wholly reasonable.

"The MMC confirmed that the industry is efficient, highly competitive, operates in the public interest and gives good value to its customers."

The BBC said: "It is an honourable apology. We realized we got it wrong and we have said so. The item was unfair to Shell and the industry. When people are dealing with consumer affairs there are occasional lapses. Hopefully we are big enough to accept that and apologize."

● The director-general and chairman of the BBC are not joining the corporation's top executives in a move to a new headquarters aimed at saving money and improving efficiency.

Mr Michael Checkland, the director-general, has decided that he will stay at Broadcasting House with Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the chairman, and a few aides while remaining senior corporate managers move to the £59 million development at White City, west London.

Many staff are reluctant to make the switch because of the shortage of facilities, including shops, and poor transport, compared to central London.

One of the main reasons for moving corporate staff, now in Broadcasting House and a variety of rented offices, was to enable them to work together. Mr Checkland's decision has infuriated some colleagues.

The official reason for his decision flows from the abandonment of the third phase of the White City development, due to be completed in the late 1990s. Radio will now remain at Broadcasting House. A spokesman said that it was felt that a small number of headquarters staff would also be better situated in central London.

# TV pirates aid actors' charity

By Simon Tait

EUROPEAN cable television "pirates" have unwittingly provided £4.5 million for the welfare of British theatre performers and their industry.

A charity, the Equity Trust Fund, was set up yesterday by Equity, the actors' union, with the money contributed by cable companies in Belgium, The Netherlands and Denmark over the last six years.

The money had been paid by the companies for use of pirated programmes taken directly off transmission, and paid in lieu of "moral" copyright after negotiations by the BBC and the ITV companies.

Mr Peter Plouviez, Equity general secretary, said a third of the money paid to the television companies had gone to three bodies representing performers: Equity, the Musicians' Union and the Incorporated Society of Musicians. The sums invested annually by Equity had accumulated to £4.5 million.

The money would help a profession whose members, apart from a small minority of stars, were among the lowest paid workers in Britain, he said.

The trust fund would be concerned with performers' welfare, maintenance of the arts, particularly in the theatre, and for education and training.


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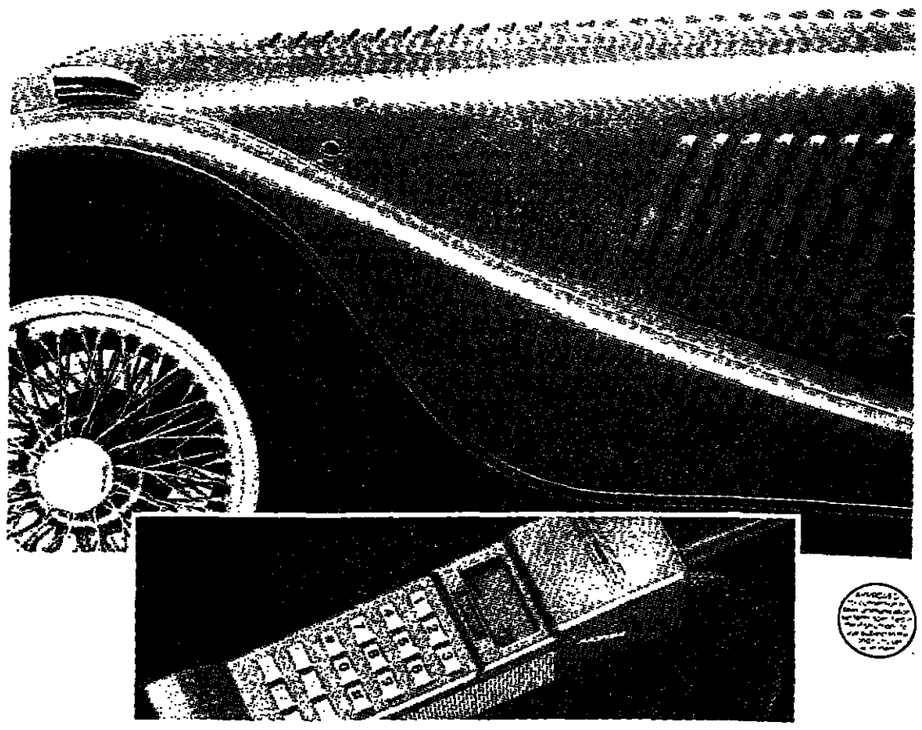

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# Contender in Runcie succession takes the Church to court

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

ONE OF the leading contenders for the succession to the Archbishopric of Canterbury, the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, became embroiled yesterday in a legal action against the Church of England's paymasters, the Church Commissioners.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, dismissed Bishop Harries's claim that his intentions were friendly, adding: "It will be seen as one part of the Church taking another to court and I cannot persuade myself that that's a very good idea."

While Bishop Harries was insisting that he did not want to be Archbishop of Canterbury – and rather acting that way – another of the contenders, the Righ Rev William Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, set out a bold manifesto in yesterday's *Daily Mail*. "Whoever it is, I would offer him one biblical message," he wrote. "Be strong and of good courage."

The Church of England had become too concerned with minority interests, which left it with no message "for ordinary people who are making something of their lives," Bishop Westwood added.

The next archbishop should spend less time overseas. He should "give a positive expression of Christian faith". There was a massive spiritual vacuum in the nation "and the task of any Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of this century will be to lead the church to fill this vacuum".

Bishop Harries's law suit against the Church Commissioners, of which he is one himself, concerns the extent to which the commissioners may take ethical considerations into account in their investment policy.

Asked at a press conference about his interest in succeeding Dr Runcie, he replied: "Of course I will be joining with all other Christians sincerely praying that a right decision is made on this matter.

"I don't want the job, and I don't think it's appropriate for me or any other bishop to speculate on it."

He said the legal case was meant to be "a friendly rather than a hostile action". He had counsel's opinion to support his view that the Commissioners had a duty to follow a policy in which Christian values, rather than financial gains, were the overriding priority; and he was seeking a High Court ruling to that effect.

"We are seeking to co-operate with the Church Commissioners as much as possible. There is a genuine dilemma here and it's in the interests of the Church Commissioners that this be resolved." The bishop launched an appeal for pledges totalling £25,000 to cover the costs of the case.

The bishop denied the argument was only about the rights and wrongs of investing in South Africa. "Although that was the spark which forced a review of the whole investment issue, it goes far wider than that," he said. The Church of England was open to criticism for its policies regarding industry and commerce and it needed to have "a more positive attitude".

Sir Douglas, who is an *ex officio* senior member of the General Synod, said later that the commissioners would contest the case.

"Our job is to protect and defend the parochial clergy. It is sad that we have to use the money which should be going to them to do so. But we cannot allow their interests to go by default," he said.

"I am sure Dr Harries has the most friendly of motives. I wouldn't deny that. But I don't think you can have a friendly court action. I think it's a contradiction in terms."

Another strong candidate for Canterbury, Dr Robert Eames, the Archbishop of Armagh, refused to give any press interviews yesterday, although as recently as last week he discussed his prospects on a local radio programme in Northern Ireland.

"It is not for anyone to say they would welcome or not welcome any challenge," he had said.

The Prime Minister had shown "at times, I think, a willingness to listen to anything that I have had to say" and to "acknowledge" it.

Dr Runcie announced on Sunday that he had submitted his resignation to the Queen, and he will retire at the end of next January, eight months before his 70th birthday.

● Mr Tony Benn, the Labour MP, yesterday challenged the Church of England to put forward only one name for Dr Runcie's successor to Mrs Thatcher for approval - and said she should endorse it without question. In a Commons motion he states that "the control of the Church of England by the state is a dangerous anachronism" that ought to end.

# A little bit of Rome comes to Goring-by-Sea

PETER WEST

**MR GARY BEVANS, a signwriter with no formal artistic training, with reproductions of Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel which he has painted in the Holy Martyrs Catholic church in Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. The church is an otherwise undistinguished prefabricated building which happens to be the same width as the original in Rome.**

**While the Sistine Chapel has just reopened after restoration, Mr Bevans still has many months' work ahead of him completing the only copy outside Rome (Robin Young writes).**

**He has worked 50 hours a week for two years on the ceiling, sometimes until two am. Michelangelo took four years to paint the original, but he did not have to earn a living by day painting pub signs and doing lettering on vans.**

**The inspiration for Mr Bevans's labour of love came from a parishioners' trip to Rome. The signwriter has been named Man of the Year by Worthing Council and his work has already attracted 5,000 visitors.**

**There has been some success in raising money for the project by asking £50 for the right to dedicate each of the plywood panels on which Mr Bevans makes his paintings, but he says he would be glad of more sponsership.**

# Hard fight as Karpov wins place in finals

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

ANATOLY Karpov, the Soviet former world chess champion, has emerged victorious with consummate ease in his world title qualifying match in Kuala Lumpur against Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster. He dominated the match from the start and yesterday clinched victory in a hard-fought ninth game.

This win with the black pieces gave Karpov the 6½ points needed to win the best-of-12 match and ensure a renewed challenge against his arch-rival, Gary Kasparov, the world champion.

The necessity of a win made Timman take too many risks, and the game boiled down to a race of pawns on opposite wings of the board. Karpov's proved the more effective in the struggle to become queens.

Experts thought that Timman's 39th move cost him the win to which capturing a black pawn instead might have led.

The final will start in New York on October 7 and transfer to Lyons. It is likely to last two months. A prize of $3 million (£1.8 million) is on offer. For the first time since 1948, the championship will be run not by Fide, the world chess federation, but by a neutral committee of representatives of Fide and of the Association of Grandmasters, of which Kasparov is president and which was set up in 1986.

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| 6 Re1 | b5 | 34 Bg6+ | Kg8 |
| 7 Bb3 | d6 | 35 Ng4 | Nd3 |
| 8 c3 | 0-0 | 36 Nxh6+ | gxh6 |
| 9 h3 | Bb7 | 37 Bxd3+ | Kh8 |
| 10 D4 | Re8 | 38 Bg6 | Rd8 |
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| 20 Nf1 | Nxf3+ | 48 Kf2 | Rb2 |
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| 24 Qxf4 | Ixe4 | 52 Bb3 | Bd7 |
| 25 Qg4 | Qxg4 | 53 Ke3 | Kf6 |
| 26 Nxg4 | Rae8 | 54 Kf4 | Bc6 |
| 27 f4 | a5 | 55 c4 | Kxe7 |
| 28 f3 | Be6 | 56 c5 | Be8 |

White resigns

# Privatized sector shines in list of top companies

By David Young

SOME companies once seen as ugly ducklings or even as lame ducks have emerged as highly profitable swans under the Government's privatization programme.

The policy of removing state shackles and launching companies into the private sector, often with their customers as shareholders, has created four of the country's 20 most profitable companies per employee, with one of them emerging as the most profitable company in Britain and the highest wages payer.

Enterprise Oil, created from the former oil exploration assets held by British Gas, last year made profits of £288,500 per employee and paid its 234 staff an average of £32,100 and its directors an average of £77,857. In addition, British Telecom, another former state-owned company, has emerged overall as the most profitable company in Britain, with pre-tax profits last year of £2.4 billion.

The performance of former state-owned companies will be welcomed by the Government in the week that it takes the electricity industry into the private sector with the creation of 16 new companies that will be privatized this autumn and early next year.

Many of the figures used by the magazine *Management Today* for its league table, published today, have been gleaned from company reports for the previous financial year and higher profits are expected from British Steel, British Airways and British Telecom.

Enterprise Oil, recently the subject of takeover speculation in the City, has built on the inheritance it received from the Government in the shape of substantial oil discoveries earlier made by British Gas. It has also, however, been aggressive in the world oil exploration market.

However the figures also show that some of the best known business names and recent stock market favourites such as Lonrho, Asda, Whitbread, Tesco, Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer are among the lower payers in the top 100 companies, although in most cases the earnings figures are affected by the large number of part-time staff they employ.

Lonrho, whose figures are affected by its large number of employees in low-pay countries, is 96th in terms of employee profitability and bottom of the list in terms of pay. It made £2,500 per employee and paid them an average of £3,800, while its directors averaged £291,666 a year, a figure only outstripped by the directors of Hanson Trust (£666,666 a year), Ultramar Oil (£469,230), ICI (£456,250) and BOC (£345,454).

Asda pay averaged £5,300, while its directors earned an average of £185,714. Whitbread paid its staff an average of £5,900, while its directors earned an average of £140,000. Tesco paid its staff an average of £6,200, while its directors averaged £130,769. Sainsbury paid its staff an average of £6,900, while its directors on average earned £123,529, and Marks & Spencer staff earned an average of £8,100, and its directors averaged £175,000.

Among the former state-owned companies, BAA, the former British Airports Authority has emerged in tenth place in the table, with profits per employee of £22,900 and an average wage for its 8,645 employees of £17,100. Its directors received an average £116,666 in pay last year.

British Gas is in 14th place, with profits per employee of £16,300 and paying its 81,832 staff an average of £14,400 and its directors an average of £66,666. Cable and Wireless, one of the first privatized companies, comes next with profits per employee of £14,300. Its 29,320 employees were paid an average of £10,200, although its directors were paid an average of £130,000. BP, formerly substantially Government-owned, although always a private sector company, is in 13th place, with profits per employee of £16,500.

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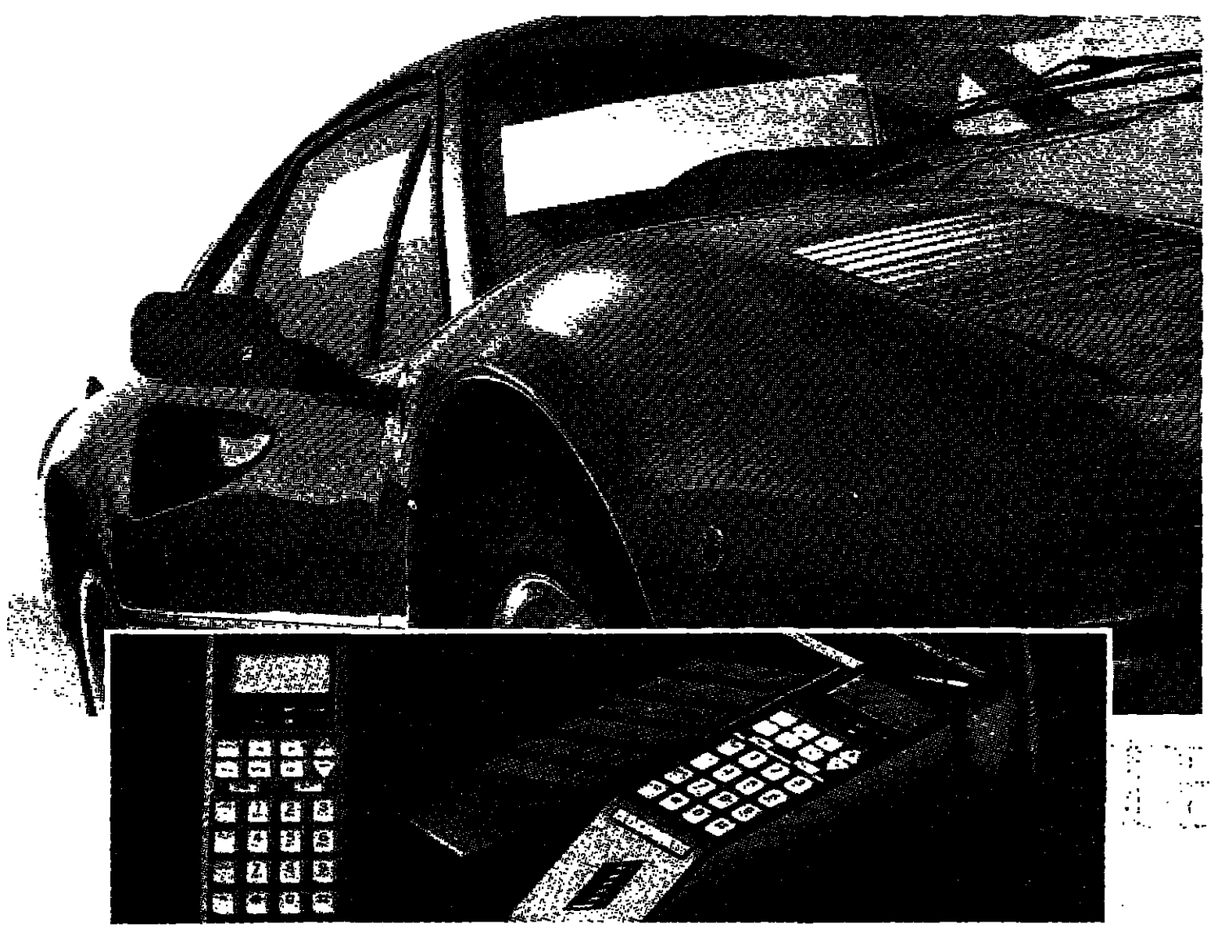

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# One-day teachers' strike called after 36% back protest

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

ALMOST a quarter of state school teachers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are to stage a one-day strike on Wednesday, April 4 in protest at the Government's decision to impose an 8.3 per cent pay deal.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers issued the strike call yesterday in spite of securing the support of only just over one in three of its 98,000 state school members for industrial action.

In a ballot, 35,450 (61.8 per cent of those voting) were in favour of striking and 21,949 (38.2 per cent) against. The turnout was 57,399, just over half of the union's members and an eighth of the teaching force.

The result came after intense lobbying characterised by last- minute staffroom pleas by branch officials for support for the strike. The larger National Union of Teachers has refused to join in the action.

The strike call was condemned by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who described it as "completely unjustified".

"I am deeply disappointed that the NAS/UWT has elected to deprive children of a day of education at what, for many, is a crucial time of the year and to do so on the positive support of only one-third of their members," he said.

"It will simply distract attention from the hard work and professional commitment which the great majority of teachers are showing and for which they deserve public recognition."

Mr Fred Smithies, the union's general secretary, said that he was confident his members would support what he termed "the minimum possible tangible protest action available to teachers".

He rejected any suggestion that the strike would antagonize parents and said: "Only those parents who wish to take a doctrinaire political view will feel aggrieved."

Teachers had to show the Government that they had "the will to resist yet another pay cut imposed on them by the Government". Dismissing questions about the size of the vote in favour of action, Mr Smithies said: "The Prime Minister has never enjoyed more than the support of 33 per cent of the electorate and we have 36 per cent for our strike."

Two years ago the NAS/UWT had to abandon a similar attempt to get teachers to strike over pay after only just over a third of its state school members turned out to vote.

In the past the union has ensured maximum support for its industrial action by making clear that it would not hesitate to discipline members who refused to strike.

However, since the last round of teachers' strikes ended in 1987 legislation has deprived unions of the power to punish members who ignore strike calls.

Union leaders conceded yesterday that even if they managed to persuade a majority of their members to strike it was highly unlikely that any schools would be closed although several thousand children were likely to be sent home.

# Welsh craftsmanship comes out on top

NICK GOLDFINGER

Mr Richardson (left) and Mr Pendleton at work on the roof, whose owner could not find Americans to match their skills

By Ruth Gledhill

THE devastation caused by Hurricane Hugo has opened up an unexpected source of revenue for Mr Alfred Richardson, a retired Welsh slater, and Mr Bill Pendleton, his colleague.

Mr Richardson, aged 65, from Prestatyn, Clwyd, was flown to Charleston, South Carolina with Mr Pendleton, aged 43, to repair a 200-year-old roof ripped apart by the hurricane on a six-bedroom house.

Mr Philip Middleton, its owner, hired the Welshmen because they possessed technical skills local labour could not match.

Their work was admired by the Prince of Wales when he saw the house on a visit to the town last month.

Mr Middleton, a lawyer, said: "I talked to any number of Americans about their capacity to slate a roof. They all told me they were experts. But I had been briefed on a couple of key questions to ask them and no American could answer those."

Mr Richardson, from Prestatyn, Clwyd, is using slates from a Welsh quarry matched to samples of the original slate. He said he had been inundated with offers of work in the historic town but his visa restricts him to working for one man.

He added: "We have had bad weather in Wales but I have never seen anything as bad as this place."

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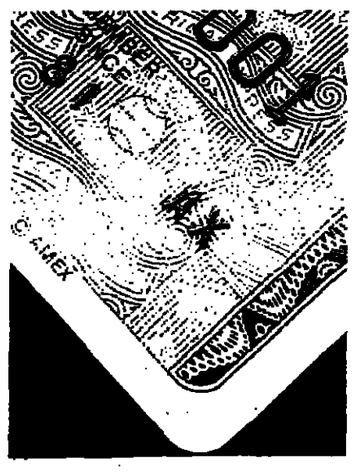

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# Met chief foresees women in senior posts

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN could have its first woman chief constable within ten years, Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

Speaking at the unveiling of a report outlining a five-year programme to provide equal opportunities within his own force, Sir Peter said: "We have some very bright and good lady officers rising through the ranks. I think we will probably see a female chief constable within the next ten years."

Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, added that women officers had reached senior levels in two forces. One is an assistant chief constable in Merseyside and the other an acting deputy assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard.

Last year, a Home Office circular was sent to all chief constables giving guidance on equal opportunities, Mr Waddington said.

The Home Office was looking into the feasibility of part-time work, and Scotland Yard had asked it for advice on the introduction of job sharing.

The police were having difficulty attracting recruits because of the declining number of school leavers, and the service had to recruit more women, especially from the ethnic minorities.

The report on the London programme, carried out with the help of the Equal Opportunities Commission, shows that the number of women police officers in the force rose from 6.7 per cent in 1978 to over 12 per cent in 1989, at a time when the force strength in the same period had risen from 22,197 to 28,267.

A quarter of all applicants for police jobs are now women, and they make up 24 per cent of all successful recruits. The force has nine female officers in its superintendent ranks and 38 among the inspectors' ranks.

# Reform of prisoner complaint rules likely

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

THE appointment of an ombudsman to investigate prisoners' complaints, an idea advocated by penal reformers for 20 years, has moved a step closer after a Prison Department decision to accept the proposal in principle.

Such a move would restore confidence in inmate grievance procedures, reduce the vulnerability of staff to unfounded allegations and generally lessen tensions in jails, the department has said. The final decision lies with Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary.

The recommendation, agreed at the last meeting of the department's board, means that it is now almost inevitable that a "prisons ombudsman" will be created.

Any appointment, however, might be delayed for up to 18 months because officials think it is important that revised complaints rules, to be introduced in September, should have time to settle down.

The change would also require legislation and substantial Treasury support. The cost of independently investigating 1,000 complaints a year is estimated at £3.4 million.

From September the present system whereby inmates can either petition their governor, the local board of visitors or the Home Secretary will be replaced by a "hierarchical" structure.

Under this, all complaints will be heard initially by the governor, with more difficult disputes being handled by regional or headquarters staff.

If an ombudsman were to be appointed, complaints which failed to be solved at the second tier could be referred to independent arbitration. The ombudsman's findings would be technically non-binding but, in practice, would be accepted in most cases.

# Bomb hoaxer jailed

A MAN was jailed for nine months yesterday after admitting sending a hoax bomb to the Queen while she and other members of the Royal family were at Sandringham, Norfolk.

At King's Lynn Crown Court, Mr Charles Kellett, prosecuting, said John Pryse-Jones, aged 58, of Rhianva Court, Hunstanton, Norfolk, had a previous conviction for sending a hoax bomb to Mr Henry Bellingham, MP for Norfolk North West.

## £80,000 award

VISCOUNT Raynham won £80,000 agreed damages at the High Court yesterday over the death of his wife in a crash at East Rudham, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, in December 1985. The award was against the estate of the other driver who was also killed.

## Tolstoy delay

THE COURT of Appeal yesterday reserved its decision on whether to order Count Nikolai Tolstoy to put up £188,000 security for costs before being allowed to pursue his appeal against the libel verdict and £1.5 million damages won by Lord Aldington last November.

## Safety failing

TRANSMANCHE Link, the consortium building the Channel tunnel, was fined £50,000 yesterday at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent, when it admitted failing to take precautions to ensure its employees' safety.

## Mother held

A MOTHER who admitted strangling her two children was sent to a mental hospital indefinitely yesterday. The Central Criminal Court was told that Julia Phillips, aged 31, of Limpsfield, Surrey, had paranoid schizophrenia and thought neighbours were going to sexually abuse the children.

## Chemical seized

THIRTY gallons of a highly toxic chemical prohibited world-wide have been seized by the Ministry of Agriculture in Herefordshire. The pesticide Endrin, which has not been manufactured since 1983, is being used as a poison by gamekeepers.

## Inquest opens

AN INQUEST into the death of Farzad Bazoft, the *Observer* newspaper correspondent executed in Iraq as an alleged spy, was opened and adjourned at St Pancras Coroner's Court, London, yesterday.

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PARLIAMENT

# Peers protest at move on under-18 loans

HOUSE OF LORDS

GOVERNMENT and Opposition peers protested at a late attempt to amend the Education (Student Loans) Bill to correct an oversight by civil servants over repayment by students under the age of 18.

The amendment, tabled by the Government last Thursday, would exempt students under the age of 18 from paying interest on the loans and give the Government immunity under the Consumer Credit Act to send loan literature to minors.

As the report stage of the Bill started, **Lord Belstead**, Leader of the House, refused to withdraw the amendment, but promised peers that the Government would not seek to bulldoze it through.

**Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos**, Leader of the Opposition Peers, said that the amendment had been intended to correct a defect in the Bill because it was found to be incompatible with the Consumer Credit Act, 1974.

"The introduction of minors into the Bill is a complex and new dimension to the whole Bill. The fact that it is unlawful to charge interest to minors was in fact overlooked when the Bill was first drafted."

The amendment was likely to affect some 100,000 students, mostly in Scotland where more students entered college at 17, and there was also some doubt about the accuracy of the Government's proposed amendment. "The Opposition is asking for more time to consider all the implications of the new amendment which are very considerable, the legal implications and the administrative implications.

"I hope that the Leader of the House will now defer the amendment to enable those who are interested in this Bill to have more time. I think it is important that the House on report should be given an opportunity to consider this new development."

**Lord Belstead** said that the Government amendment had been tabled on Thursday and the Labour and Liberal Democrat whips had been informed later that day because issues were involved which had not been debated before.

**Lord Peston**, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the the way the amendment had been introduced was very unsatisfactory. The Government should not proceed at a pace which did not allow detailed consideration.

He had been told by an expert that the Consumer Credit Act was very complicated and it would be "foolhardy beyond belief" to get involved without full advice and briefing.

"This is an extremely serious matter and I am not in a position to debate this amendment today."

**Lord Belstead** said that it was precisely because the amendment concerned an untried piece of legislation that the Opposition had been informed.

**Lord Beloff** (C) said that he had no view on the amendment which he had only just seen.

"I would like to point out that a Bill of this kind is not simply a matter for the two main Opposition parties. Most of us left the House late on Thursday afternoon or early in the evening not having had an opportunity of seeing this amendment.

"I first heard about this problem when I read the report in *The Times*. I think the whole House is entitled to be informed about the Government's amendment in time at least to have a weekend to consider it and not for it to be tabled in a way which really make the position of members and of the Opposition front bench, almost untenable."

**Lord Belstead** said that the House had had a weekend to consider the amendment. The Government had acted in an open and honourable way. It was right that the amendment should be considered on report.

**Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos** said that the Leader of the House was being uncharacteristically unfair. The amendment changed the Bill in a fundamental way and few had been in the House, including government peers, when it had been tabled and the whips informed.

**Lord Nugent of Guildford** (C) said that the amendment stretched the terms of the Consumer Credit Act in order to make an exception. That might be valid, but it would not be possible to take the Bill on its merits without considering that very complicated Act.

**Lord Belstead** said that he could not accept that the Government had acted in an unreasonable way and, for that reason, he would not withdraw the amendment. "What we ought to do is for the amendment to be moved and to be debated and if Lords then think, having listened to the debate, that it is wholly unreasonable that it should go on the statute book, we must listen to the majority voice of the House. The Government will not seek to bulldoze it through."

● In a Commons written reply, **Mr John MacGregor**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: I am now able to announce that, after parliamentary discussion during the various stages of the Education (Student Loans) Bill in both Houses, the Government has decided to increase to £20 million the Access Funds available for higher education.

This will give the higher education institutions greater scope for extending discretionary assistance on a flexible basis to their students. The move would have an effect, most notably, on those students who were facing relatively high costs for their accommodation.

The necessary supplementary estimates approval for the additional expenditure of £10 millon in 1990-91 will be sought in due course.

● In a further written answer, Mr MacGregor said: I am now able to announce that the Goverment intends that the repayment period for students on courses that are longer than four years should be initially seven years. The standard repayment period for other students will be initially five years.

This will ensure that repayments are manageable for students on courses longer than four years, who will build up larger liabilities during their courses. As the scheme develops and loans increase in real terms, the standard repayment period will be extended. The repayment period for those on longer courses will be similarly extended.

# Ministers act on social fund after court ruling

SOCIAL SECURITY

MINISTERS have acted to put beyond doubt that the Secretary of State for Social Security can specify who is eligible for payments from the social fund.

The move comes after a ruling in the High Court last month.

*Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister* for Social Security, said in a statement that he is to introduce an amendment to the Social Security Bill at present before Parliament to make explicit the power of the Secretary of State to give directions on the control of the social fund, from which grants and loans are made for specific purposes to people receiving income support.

*He also announced a £10* million increase in the gross allocation to the fund, to £215 *million for 1990-91.*

**Mr Michael Meacher**, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that the statement was an incompetent, cynical and dishonest response to the judgement.

**Mr Scott** said that the statement arose from a High Court judgement on applications for judicial review in three cases concerning the social fund. That had confirmed the power to give directions for control and managment of the fund, and confirmed the directions on how social fund inspectors were to review decisions, but found that some aspects of the guidance on budgets was too prescriptive, and therefore not valid as guidance.

The Department of Social Security was today issuing new guidance to all social fund officers to take account of the court's decision that some of the guidance on the budget in the social fund manual had been couched in language that was too prescripttive for guidance.

There would also be guidance today about applications for review from people who might have had applications to the fund rejected on grounds of insufficient priority because of budgetary constraints. A leaflet for the public, providing information on the matter, was being distributed to DSS local offices.

From the date of the judgement cases should not have been refused on the basis of defective guidance, but if any applicants were dissatisfied with the social fund officer's decision in their case, they had the right to request a review.

In the light of the judgement, he was introducing an amendment to the Social Security Bill.

Changes to the social fund scheme to be made from April 9 would mean that people over 60 might qualify for help while retaining up to £1,000 in savings, rather than £500. The amount of maternity expenses payable would increase from £85 to £100.

He had announced last year that the gross allocation for discretionary payments in 1990-91 would be £205 million, but experience of operating the loans element of the fund had clearly shown that it would be possible to use the available resources even more flexibly next year through recirculation of repayments returning to the fund.

"I am now able to increase the gross allocation by a further £10 million for 1990-91 to £215 million. This means that the gross budget for 1990-91 will be £12 million higher than the allocation made in April 1989.

"The £215 million will be divided to provide £152 million for loans and £63 million for grants. As in previous yrars, I shall be holding back £2 million as a contingency reserve."

In allocating budgets to local offices, the DSS had included the value of the additional allocations amounting to £3 million made in December and January to 106 offices facing particular pressure.

All the department's 448 local offices would have a higher allocation next year and 15 per cent of the offices would have increases of 10 per cent or more on April 1989 allocations. Nearly three-quarters of them would get increases of 5 per cent or more.

The measures would ensure that the fund continued to be a fair and flexible scheme for those most in need (Labour laughter).

**Mr Meacher** said that the real meaning of this disingenuous statement was that the Government intended to ignore the decision and to give a nod and a wink to social fund officers to muddle through as best they could for the next month or two and, when the Bill came in, to make a directive that the cash-limited budget must, in all cases, be the overriding consideration so that any pretence of flexibility or discretion was removed.

*The response was incompetent* because it left the local office in a state of limbo; cynical because it effectively put the High Court decision on ice; and dishonest because it sidestepped any review of past claimants on the basis of the court ruling.

*The statement* dodged the central issue of the cash-limited budget which was being raised by less than the rate of inflation.

**Sir George Young** (Ealing, Acton, C) said that the judgement had made clear that the fund was meant to be subject to cash limits and that the Secretary of State had to have power to issue regulations. With the extra help announced, it was an effective instrument of social policy.

**Mr Scott** agreed and said that the predecessor schemes, for single payments and the like, were totally out of control.

**Sir David Price** (Eastleigh, C) sought an assurance that no social services office would refuse a legitimate claim on the ground that it had exceeded its budget.

**Mr Scott** said that between now and the time that the Social Security Bill was enacted social fund offices would work in accordance with the guidelines issued today. Offices would have to take account of the budget and priorities, but that would not be the overriding factor.

**Mr Robert McCrindle** (Brentwood and Ongar, C) wondered if the 70 per cent of the increase for loans and only 30 per cent for grants was the correct ratio, bearing in mind the acute difficulty which some recipients had repaying loans.

Would the minister confirm that if someone on a repayment of a loan in one year, that would not militate against him or her being offered a grant in succeeding years?

**Mr Scott** said that that would be a matter for individual judgement by social fund offices in the circumstances of the case.

The proportion of grants and loans was broadly the same as that for last year.

**Mr Charles Kennedy**, Liberal Democrat spokesman on health, said that only one in ten of offices would have increases in their budgets to keep pace with inflation and these figures were distorted because many people had not bothered to claim in the first place. They knew that any help would be in the form of a loan which would come off their benefits.

**Mr Scott** said it was not inflation which had to be borne in mind. It was the level of need and the flexibility with which the department was able to react.

The income support case load has gone down. It would be possible to make out a case for reducing the budget. In fact, the Government had increased it.

**Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman** (Lancaster, C) asked what ministers would do if an office ran out of money.

**Mr Scott** said that no office had run out of money or was in danger of doing so.

**Mr Ted Rowlands** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Lab) asked whether the new guidance being issued would allow payments for housing repairs.

**Mr Scott** said that, apart from the Social Fund, income support could provide help with housing repairs and the Department of the Environment also had schemes.

**Mrs Audrey Wise** (Preston, Lab) said the minister could not know if payments were equitable if it was not known the priority given, for example, to paying for a pair of shoes.

**Mr Scott** said York University was carrying out a monitoring of the effect of the social fund. The report would be made next year.

**Mr Patrick Thompson** (Norwich North, C) welcomed the extra money, but asked how constituents who had previously been refused claims could reapply.

**Mr Scott** said an applicant had only to go along and ask for their case to be reviewed by the local office and that would be done in the light of the new guidance.

**Mr Dafydd Wigley** (Caernarfon, Pl C) called for an assurance that no top priority cases would be refused help because of lack of money.

**Mr Scott** replied that he could see no reason why the needs of those with the highest priority should not be able to be met.

**Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that a problem arose if more people were in need than there was cash available.

**Mr Dennis Skinner** (Bolsover, Lab) said Mr Scott had admitted that the amount was going to be less next year, taking inflation into account.

Instead of running to the television to twist words and give people the idea that this was a real advance, he should go to "cardboard city" and address people there who had finished up in a heap because they had beem unable to get the proper grants which used to be available.

**Mr Scott** said that, in practice, the allocation for the coming year, compared with the allocation last year, would be broadly in line with the index.

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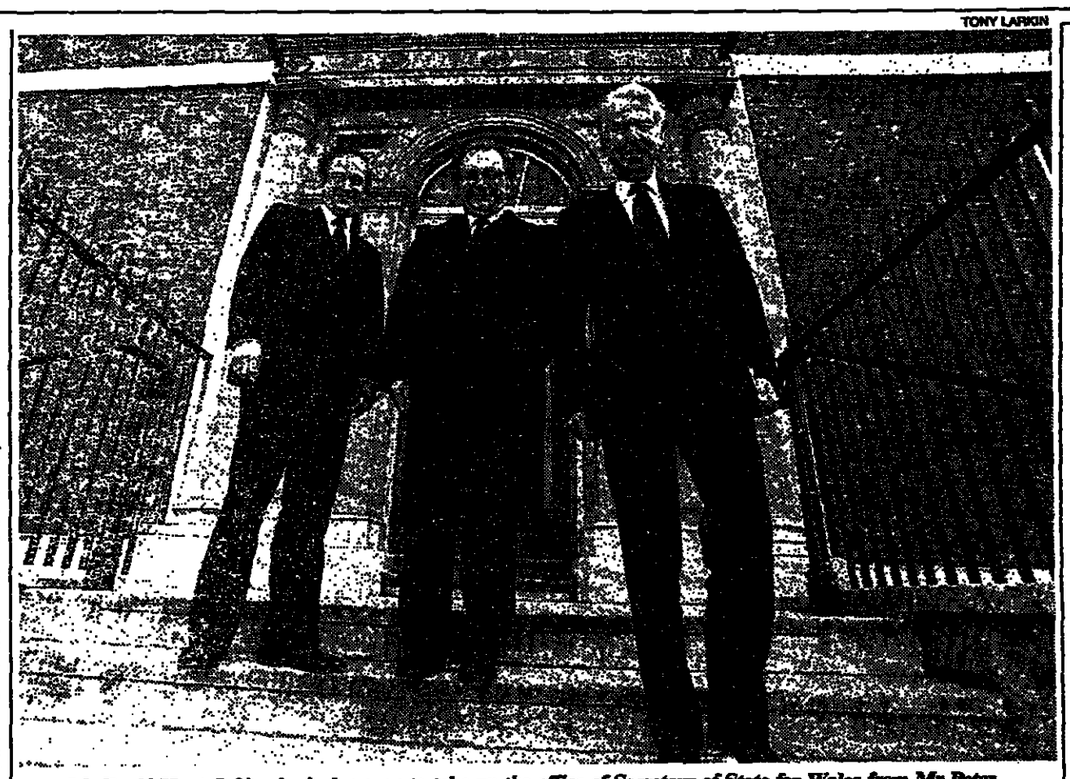


Mr David Hunt (left), who is due soon to take up the office of Secretary of State for Wales from Mr Peter Walker (right), outside the Welsh Office in Whitehall yesterday with Herr Lothar Späth, Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg. Herr Späth will be visiting Wales next week with a team of businessmen

# Timetable for joining ERM too leisurely, says Lawson

BUDGET DEBATE

THE TIMETABLE envisaged by the Government for joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System might be somewhat too leisurely for the circumstances in which the country found itself, **Mr Nigel Lawson**, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during the resumed debate on the Budget.

"In my judgement, it is a pity we did not join some time ago, but we did not. We cannot afford to take the risks involved in a leisurely timetable."

He described non-membership of the mechanism as an exposed flank, and suggested that Britain should join the mechanism, if necessary within the wider bands of adjustment available, rather than the narrower ones.

He said that Mr Major, the Chancellor, had said that he favoured a strong exchange rate. But it might be that words alone would not be enough.

**Mr Michael Howard**, Secretary of State for Employment, opening the fourth and final day's debate on the Budget, said that the past seven years had seen unprecedented growth in employment.

The country had experienced the largest continuous fall in unemployment since the war. It was a record the Budget was designed to sustain and reinforce.

There were now 27 million jobs in the United Kingdom, 3.4 million more than in 1983. The number had grown three times more quickly than the European average.

"We have seen unemployment falling steadily for 43 months running. At 1.6 million, unemployment is now half what it was in 1986. Our unemployment rate of 5.6 per cent is a full three percentage points below the EC average."

Long-term unemployment was falling even more quickly, with the number down 780,000 since 1986. At the last election Labour promised a reduction of one million in two years; the Conservatives had done it in less than two.

The Budget gave priority to the control of inflation. It would be fatal to relax the tight monetary and fiscal framework or to reduce interest rates prematurely. Interest rates would be maintained at high levels as long as was necessary.

The future of jobs in the short term depended on pay settlements. If pay increases were awarded, that were not warranted by the competitive position of firms, the result would be higher production costs and, ultimately, job losses.

One of the most important factors in the growth in employment had been the enthusiasm of overseas investors to put their money into British businesses. One influential factor in this change was the transformation of industrial relations.

In each of the past two years, the number of strikes was the lowest since 1935. The number of strikes in January was the lowest January figure for 60 years, and the lowest figure for any month since September 1934.

The lessons of the 1970s was clear: strikes destroyed jobs. Strikes, overmanning and restrictive practices exported British jobs overseas. Since 1979 that trend had been decisively reversed.

The transformation of industrial relations would never have been possible without the Government's trade union legislation. It was remarkable that the Opposition was committed to repealing it and returning to legislation that gave Britain the reputation for the worst industrial relations in the Western world.

"They are committed to legislation which would once again put trade unions above the law."

Britain lagged behind her international competitors in some areas of education and training largely because of policies promoted by Labour in the 1960s and 1970s. These had reduced education standards and sought to bring everyone down to the same level of mediocrity.

They had reinforced trade union restrictive practices in training and raised levies on the best companies to subsidize the worst. The Government had started to correct those mistakes.

Record numbers of young people were staying on in full-time further education beyond 16 and there were more students than ever in higher education – more than a million last year. A higher proportion of young people in Britain had degrees compared with France, West Germany or Japan.

In 1987, employers' investment in training was at a record £18 billion, and employers trained 70 per cent more employees last year than in 1984. The benefits to the economy were to be seen in the fact that, despite an unprecedented period of economic growth, reported skill shortages last year were running at about half the level of the last comparable period in 1973.

The Training and Enterprise Councils being set up were possibly the most important change in the way that training was planned and delivered for nearly 30 years.

He hoped soon to announce that the first training councils had had their plans approved and were fully operational.

With the help of the councils, the Government would be pursuing three important priorities in the coming year. First, it would continue to encourage stronger links between business and education to turn out young people better prepared for work. His department would invest more than £400 million in that process in the next three years.

Second, the Government would look to the councils to set targets for the training of 16 and 17-year-old school leavers which would reflect the needs of the local labour market.

He would also expect the councils to see how more young people could be motivated to want to train and come to expect training as a normal part of their employment. Some £2.5 billion would be available from the Government in the next three years to support that process. The councils would also be expected to draw out substantial and increasing employer contributions.

Third, the Government would look to the councils to widen the opportunities for adults to develop and upgrade their skills, particularly those that were scarce. The Government would support that with more than £1 billion in each of the next three years.

**Mr Tony Blair**, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said that the Budget took refuge in addressing a number of small problems, but shrank from tackling the big problems.

The gap between the popularity of the Budget in the Conservative Party and its credibility in the country reminded everyone how distant the Government was from the people.

Help to the blind, to football trusts, value-added tax relief for small firms and relief on the workplace nurseries were all welcome, but the bigger questions were ignored.

The public wanted to know why, if privatization was supposed to lower prices, it was facing big increase in water and electricity charges. It wondered how, if there was talk of economic miracles, it faced rocketing mortgages and cuts in living standards.

It was puzzled why, after the poll tax was claimed to be fairer than rates, the scheme was attacked by even those who benefited and Conservative councillors chose to resign rather than implement it.

People wanted to know why the balance of payments deficit was the worst on record, why inflation was the highest of any of the main OECD countries. They did not understand how a Government in its second decade, after promising to bring down unemployment, had half a million more unemployed than it inherited.

On training of 16 to 19-year-olds, Britain was trailing behind Germany, Belgium and the United States. The CBI reported that the basic mathematical competence and foreign language skills of school leavers was well below that of other countries.

## Call for passport changes

A CALL for the private sector to be involved in the issuing of passports was made at question time by **Mrs Teresa Gorman** (Billericay, C), who said that the season of "cherry blossom, Easter holidays, passport strikes and mayhem" approached.

She urged **Mr Richard Luce**, Minister for the Civil Service, to consider holding discussions with private organizations experienced in issuing and in making changes. They did so for credit agencies and banks and turned around applications with all necessary checks within a maximum of 10 days for less than £2 an inquiry.

**Mr Luce** replied that plans were well advanced for an agency in the passport service. However, the Home Secretary (Mr David Waddington) had made plain that he would make use of the relevant private sector experience where that would help to improve standards of service.

## Chernobyl on the Channel

FEARS of a French Chernobyl-style disaster at one of the nuclear power stations on the Channel coast opposite England were expressed at question time by **Mr Jonathan Aitken** (Thanet South, C).

He said that a report by the inspector of French nuclear power stations pointed out that in 20 years there was a one in twenty chance of a serious incident at one of the French nuclear power stations, 14 of which were within 30 miles of the English coast.

**Mr Tony Baldry**, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said that he would make sure that Mr Aitken and other MPs with constituencies near by had a full explanation of the situation.

## Playground safety Bill

A BILL that would lay down safety standards for equipment, layout and surfaces in children's playgrounds was introduced under the 10-minute-rule procedure.

**Mr Robert Hughes** (Harrow West, C), introducing the Safety in Children's Playgrounds Bill, said that it would ensure that all equipment sold for use in playgrounds complied with British safety standards.

## Ministry to stay intact

MRS THATCHER has repeated that the interests neither of consumers nor of the industry would be served by splitting the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In a written reply, she said that the present arrangements ensured that ministerial responsibility for the food chain was covered from the point of production to the point of sale to the consumer.

## School costs

TOTAL spending on assisted places for school pupils in the forthcoming financial year is estimated to be £61,926,000, **Mr John MacGregor**, Secretary of State for Education, said in a written reply. There will be 33,288 placesd available in England in the academic year 1990-91, he said.

## New drivers

JUST OVER a million new full driving licences were issued last year, according to figures in a written reply from **Mr Robert Atkins**, Under Secretary of State for Transport. The exact figure was 1,004,358 compared with 1,000,611 in the previous year and 991,769 in 1987.

## Parliament today

**Commons** (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister. Motion for the Easter adjournment and proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill when a variety of subjects can be raised.

**Lords** (2.30): Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, committee, second day.

# Coalfield productivity up 60%

ENERGY

PRODUCTIVITY in the Nottinghamshire coalfield had risen by 60 per cent, up from 2.9 tonnes a man-shift in 1985-86 to 4.64 tonnes, in the first 11 months of 1989-90, **Mr Tony Baldry**, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said at questions.

The figures were welcomed by **Mr Andrew Stewart** (Sherwood, C) who said that, due to the skilful negotiations of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, a Nottinghamshire colliery broke productivity records every week (loud Conservative cheers).

The union had not only increased miners' take-home pay but also had secured British Coal's industrial future into the next century. The Secretary of State for Energy (Mr John Wakeham) should visit the coalfield to thank the miners.

**Mr Baldry** said that Mr Wakeham was hoping to be able to visit the coalfield, as soon as a visit could be arranged, to thank the workforce for what it had achieved.

**Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse** (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) said that when Mr Wakeham went to the coalfield he should tell the miners how many pits were going to close, and how many would shut because of the 20 per cent non-fossil-fuel quota for the generating industry. The true costs of nuclear power should be given to the House today.

**Mr Baldry** said that the scare stories of further huge contractions had been seriously over-stated.

Later, **Mr Baldry** said that the Government's commitment to the coal industry was demonstrated, not least last week, by the passing of the Coal Act which would provide between £5 to £7 billion of taxpayers' money to ensure that the overhang of past debts would be cleared, which would ensure a productive and profitable coal industry.

**Mr Frank Dobson**, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, asked why the Government was proposing to stab Nottinghamshire miners in the back by pushing for coal imports through Immingham and by supporting PowerGen and National Power in building two gas-fired stations.

Even *The Daily Telegraph* had said that that would spell the end of the Nottinghamshire coalfield. That was a poor way to reward the increased productivity.

**Mr Baldry** said that he found Mr Dobson's remarks difficult to reconcile with the £2 million the Government invested in the industry every working day, and with the £5 billion to £7 billion it was providing to clear its overhang debt.

British Coal had succeeded in securing coal contracts with the new generators that would guarantee a stable market and guarantee income for the next three years.

# Some sports clubs facing 'huge rise in their bills'

THE NEW uniform business rate was likely to increase total bills for some amateur sports clubs by up to 300 per cent, **Lord Dean of Beswick** (Lab) said during question time in the *House of Lords*.

**Lord Hesketh**, Under Secretary of State or the Environment, questioned about the effects of the uniform business rate on amateur and professional sports clubs, said that the average rates bill for sports grounds, sports stadiums, playing fields and club houses in England would increase by 2.5 per cent.

**Lord Dean of Beswick** said that he was surprised at the 2.5 per cent figure given because he was concerned only with the effects of the uniform business rate on amateur sports.

"If you take the broad basis", he said, amateur sports, including rugby union, association football, bowls, tennis, athletics and others sports, the increase in percentage terms "is a minium of 200 per cent and in some cases over 300 per cent.

"Bearing in mind that it appears that the Government is having a rethink about some of the sums that are having to be paid by people both on the uniform business rate as well as the poll tax, would he ask the Secretary of State, in reviewing other areas concerning the new financial arrangements, to take on board some of the discrepancies that appear to be levied against sporting clubs?"

**Lord Hesketh** said that the average rate bills for golf clubs, swimming pools and tennis facilities would rise by 20.5 per cent and for leisure and sports centres the average increase would be 30 per cent.

Local authorities would continue to have discretion to grant up to 100 per cent rate relief on properties occupied by non-profit-making bodies.

# Lithuania keeps up guard after talks with Army

From Anatol Levin, Vilnius

A STANDSTILL agreement may have been reached between the Soviet Army and the Lithuanian leadership, members of which were yesterday cautiously optimistic about the possible opening of negotiations with Moscow.

Mr Romualdas Ozolas, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the agreement might "provide the basis for negotiations at a higher level", but he warned the country: "Don't drop your guard."

As if to reinforce his words, several military helicopters flew low over Vilnius yesterday afternoon, scattering unsigned leaflets denouncing independence and declaring that "the leaders of Sajudis seized power to fulfil their ambitions, and their aims are directed against the people".

The leaflets went on to invite people to a rally outside the parliament building at 4pm today.

Two teaching institutes belonging to the Soviet Communist Party were yesterday still occupied by troops, but students and teachers were allowed free access.

The troops, young conscripts, seemed rather bewildered and embarrassed by their role.

Talking to the press about the meeting yesterday morning between government representatives and two officers from the Soviet Army and the Ministry of the Interior troops, Mr Ozolas declared: "It is safe to say the most dangerous moment has passed."

The tension among Lithuanian leaders and deputies has dropped sharply since the report of an imminent seizure of parliament by the Soviet loyalist Yedinstvo movement which alarmed Mr Ozolas on Sunday night.

The two officers were sent by General Valentin Varennikov, who is with the troops in Lithuania and seems to be conducting a form of "field policy", presumably on behalf of the Kremlin.

Mr Ozolas said: "It seems that the upper echelons of the armed forces, who yesterday did not appear to have a clear line, do not want to take advantage of a situation that they themselves created." He described as a "breakthrough" the fact that "both sides promised to take no action without informing the other".

The Soviet officers, meanwhile, raised the question of a Soviet soldier supposedly beaten up on Sunday in the town of Saule, and of other Soviet soldiers "insulted".

The Lithuanian government has set up a co-ordinating group to try to avoid clashes and "provocation". It is, however, not yet clear if representatives of the Army will take part in this on a regular basis.

Seeming to have recovered from his pessimism of Sunday night, Mr Ozolas said that "talks about technicalities with the Army are not really about technicalities. They are an attempt to open up a larger question of the Army being here at all."

Lithuanian representatives were to leave last night for Moscow to meet US Senator Edward Kennedy, who is visiting the Soviet Union, and Mr Ozolas did not rule out that they might have talks with the Kremlin.

"I believe that contact with Mr Gorbachov already exists," he said, refusing to give details of what this might be.

The Soviet Army, having occupied symbolic positions in the city, and made the point that it must be consulted, seems to have no wish to take matters further for the moment.

Both sides are refraining from using their more dangerous weapons: on the Soviet side, overpowering military force; on the part of the Lithuanian leadership, the calling of mass demonstration against the Army's presence in the country.

Throughout Vilnius yesterday, life continued as normal. Even the students going into their institutes past the troops on duty did so without giving any appearance of facing serious danger.

The buildings occupied by the Army on the grounds that they belong to the Communist Party would only two years ago have been of great political importance in themselves. Today, if the Army's intention was, in part, to seize symbolic institutions, the symbolism seems empty given the Communist Party's decay.

The plenum of the Lithuanian party's central committee met yesterday under its president, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, the Deputy Prime Minister, and invited local party organizations to make recommendations for a complete restructuring of the party, including a change of name.

Outside, fewer than 200 pickets from the Soviet Communist Party in Lithuania insisted that the central committee building belonged to their party. Most of them were very angry, but also elderly, poor and rather pathetic. It is not easy to picture them forming "militias" to bring down the Lithuanian government. Workers in any event yesterday denied that such militias were being set up by Yedinstvo.

Whether the present truce can hold depends on several factors. Given the clarity of the basic issue of Lithuania's declaration of independence, the grounds for a long-term compromise are not easily detectable although, in the short term, issues like the creation of a Lithuanian border guard can be fudged.

Deputies here were pointing out yesterday that the Estonians have for some time had a system of guards checking goods passing in and out of their republic without this having caused conflict with Moscow.

The Kremlin is still trying to increase the deep splits already existing between the Sajudis leadership and that of the Lithuanian Communist Party, by keeping open its old lines of communication to Mr Brazauskas and the old ministers, rather than to Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, the new Prime Minister.

President Landsbergis complained about this to parliament yesterday morning, and Mr Zigmas Vajsvila, a leading Sajudis deputy, said: "For two days Mr Brazauskas has been smiling — so perhaps he knows something from Moscow that we don't."

# East and West find friendship in Kremlin

President Gorbachov and Senator Edward Kennedy sharing a joke in the Kremlin. Mr Kennedy, on his fourth visit to the Soviet Union, told reporters he would be discussing arms control, human rights and economic co-operation. He also planned to meet ordinary Soviet citizens

# Voting blow to Kohl

From Ian Murray
Bonn

THE West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, may have scored a personal triumph in the East German elections, but things are not going so well for him at home.

On Sunday, for the first time, his Christian Democrats (CDU) were beaten into second place in local elections in Schleswig-Holstein by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD). The Chancellor's rush to reunification appears to be an important reason for the narrow but significant defeat.

Along with the SPD, the Free Democrats — junior partners in the government coalition — could take comfort in the result, which pushed them up to 6.1 per cent, from 4.4 in the last local election four years ago, thus giving them seats in big city councils.

In the Bavarian local elections the previous Sunday, the SPD also did well, winning a number of councils from the Christian Social Union, the CDU's right-wing Bavarian sister party. However, electors then were voting in ignorance of the ultimate result in East Germany, probably believing the predictions of an SPD victory. The SPD in Bavaria could well have benefited from the belief that victory in the East would make it the party of the future.

Last Sunday, however, voters knew the Chancellor and not the SPD had won in the East, and this might have well been expected to sway the voters in Schleswig-Holstein back to the CDU. For it was only in unusual circumstances two years ago in the state elections that the people here turned away from the CDU, which had ruled there since the foundation of West Germany 37 years before.

The SPD's success then undoubtedly owed a good deal to the fact that the CDU was discredited by suspicions that its lead candidate, Herr Uwe Barschel, had been involved in a "dirty tricks" campaign against the opposition.

Herr Bjorn Engholm, the present SPD Prime Minister — the man attacked in the "dirty tricks" campaign — has been a high-profile, populist leader. Again, in normal circumstances, his more radical policies could well have frightened voters back to the CDU. The fact that this did not happen points to local concern about reunification.

# Honecker treason charge dropped

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

EAST GERMANY'S state prosecutor announced yesterday that charges of treason and conspiracy levelled at Herr Erich Honecker, the former leader, and three leading former Politburo members, are to be dropped.

Herr Hans-Jürgen Joseph said there were no grounds in East German law to support the charges, the most serious of the accusations against the former leadership.

Herr Joseph said further charges of corruption and abuse of office would be pursued against Herr Honecker, Herr Günter Mittag, his economic chief, and Herr Erich Mielke, head of state security.

Herr Joachim Herrmann, the former media chief who was facing treason charges only, will be released from prison in the next few days.

After the announcement, Mr Ingmar Wagner, the leader of the Danish Communist Party, renewed his offer of sanctuary in Copenhagen to Herr Honecker and his wife, Margot, the former Education Minister.

The couple are known to be anxious to leave East Germany but will not be given exit visas until the remaining charges have been examined.

An attempt to move them from the vicarage outside East Berlin to a government house in the country at the weekend failed when residents attacked the van carrying the couple.

Legal experts have expected that the charge of treason was not tenable within existing East German law which defines the crime as "conspiring to overthrow the socialist order in the state".

Many East Germans believe that the charge, which was brought at the height of ill-feeling towards the former leader, was a sop to public anger and was never intended to come to court. Meanwhile, attempts to form a grand coalition to govern East Germany were hindered yesterday when Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, relinquished his posts within the party pending the clarification of allegations that he was a Stasi informant.

Similar charges were denied last week by Herr Lothar de Maizière, the leader of the Christian Democrats, the strongest party in the new Parliament.

*Der Spiegel*, the West German magazine, has alleged that Herr Böhme, a well-known opponent before the reforms, co-operated with the state security service for many years under the codenames Paul Bongartz and Dr Rohloff.

Herr Böhme denies the charges and has instituted legal proceedings to clear his name.

But it is thought that the move will further delay coalition talks scheduled to begin on Thursday.

Herr Volker Rühe, the secretary of the Christian Democratic Union in West Germany, yesterday urged the East German parties to put the accusations aside and build a government as soon as possible.

"It would only be a success for the methods of the state security service itself if people allow this to delay them in forming a government," he said.

Herr Rainer Eppelmann, the leader of the conservative Democratic Awakening, yesterday said that he believed the denials of both politicians and spoke of "an atmosphere of hysteria and backstabbing" in the country.

Herr Eppelmann was hounded by the Stasi for many years as a dissident priest and as such is one of the few East German politicians to be considered above suspicion of complicity.

# Moscow seeks firmer Seoul ties

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

THE Soviet Union and South Korea, which established consular offices in each other's capitals last year, are to accelerate progress towards full diplomatic relations, it was announced yesterday.

The announcement was made by Mr Kim Young Sam, co-chairman of South Korea's ruling Democratic Liberal Party, at the end of a week-long visit to the Soviet Union, which he described as inaugurating "a completely new chapter" in relations between the two countries.

As a transitional stage Moscow and Seoul are to establish full consular relations.

Although the visit was technically private — at the invitation of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations — it included meetings with Politburo member Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Central Committee chairman for international affairs, Mr Yevgeni Primakov, the chairman of one of the chambers of the Supreme Soviet, a deputy Soviet industry minister and many other senior officials.

Mr Kim's party included a large number of South Korean officials and businessmen.

There were reports — which Mr Kim would not confirm — that he had also been received by President Gorbachov. Given the lack of diplomatic relations between the two countries, such a meeting would be highly unusual.

Moscow is believed to be particularly interested in expanding relations with South Korea because of its status as an underdeveloped country which quickly became a manufacturing success. The fact that its products tend to be cheaper and generally less sophisticated than Japanese products adds to its attraction as an economic partner for the Soviet Union.

The current pause in South Korea's economic fortunes is believed to have increased Seoul's interest in tapping what could be a vast Soviet market.

Members of South Korea's business community have been visiting eastern Siberia in recent months to gauge investment and development opportunities there.

A major obstacle to improved relations between Moscow and Seoul in the past has been Moscow's support for the North Korean leader, President Kim Il Sung, which has been coupled with strident condemnation of the US military presence in the South. Mr Gorbachov's "new political thinking" has reduced the role of ideology in foreign policy, and Moscow's decision to take part in the 1988 Olympic Games brought tentative warming to the South.

The communique issued at the end of Mr Kim Young Sam's visit to Moscow stipulated nonetheless that relations between South Korea and the Soviet Union were "not intended to harm the interests of third countries". He even hinted that Moscow might have a mediating influence in the conflict between North and South Korea as the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War approaches.

The improvement of relations with South Korea seems to have been given priority by the Soviet leadership over the past year, as attempts to court Japan came to nothing and hopes of a rapid change for the better in relations with China were frustrated by the gradual return to ideological and economic orthodoxy following the Tiananmen Square killings last June.

Bulgaria and Mongolia, which also had relations only with North Korea, have in the past week announced their intention of normalizing relations with the South.

# US puts treaties on the line to deter use of force

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

PRESIDENT BUSH is prepared to sacrifice prospective arms control treaties and trade agreements with the Soviet Union if Moscow takes forceful action against Lithuania, according to a highly placed US official yesterday.

Despite the apparent easing of tension in Vilnius yesterday after the talks between senior Soviet Army officers and Lithuanian officials, the US considers that the action taken so far by Mr Gorbachov is following "a dangerous direction".

While the British Government is taking a more sanguine view of Mr Gorbachov's dilemma in dealing with the secessionists in Lithuania, Washington is now ready to adopt a much tougher approach.

So far Mr Bush has kept his public statements restrained in the hope that Mr Gorbachov would keep his promise to resolve the Lithuanian problem through dialogue, not force.

However, the US official made it clear yesterday that in Washington's eyes, the definition of force was not just "shooting people in the streets". He said: "The Soviets may interpret force in different ways.

"But using tanks to put Moscow back in control of Lithuania would be viewed as force in our eyes." So, too, would a declaration of martial law or a state of emergency.

The official said: "There might not be much force used but it would have the same effect on the independence process in Lithuania." Any such move by Moscow would "definitely have serious implications for our relations with the Soviet Union".

The official said it would not mean a state of "deep freeze" between Washington and Moscow. The US did not want "to make life difficult for Mr Gorbachov" but the atmosphere of trust that had grown between Mr Bush and Mr Gorbachov would be damaged.

Any attempt to crush Lithuania's fight for self-determination would have a "knock-on effect" on the arms control negotiations, now making good progress, and on the two-plus-four talks on German reunification being held between the US, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the two Germanies.

It would also slow down the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna, and that would rule out a 35-nation summit planned for the end of the year to sign an arms treaty and to discuss the future security of Europe. American trade agreements with the Soviet Union would have to come under scrutiny because, under US legislation, trade with Moscow was linked to human rights, the official said.

British officials understand Mr Gorbachov's difficulties. He has legislation before the Supreme Soviet which would create the mechanism for secession by the republics and he needs to show a strong hand in dealing with Lithuania's unilateral declaration.

There are also two views about the way the West should respond to the crisis: on the one hand, too many warnings from Western leaders could weaken Mr Gorbachov's position; on the other, threats of dire consequences from the West could help Mr Gorbachov to push the secession legislation through the Soviet Parliament.

# Stalemate over European union

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

MRS Margaret Thatcher and M Michel Rocard, the French Prime Minister, agreed to differ during talks at Downing Street yesterday on the question of European integration.

But the talks, which lasted two and half hours including lunch, were described as friendly and constructive and included discussion of the prospects of closer Anglo-French co-operation.

The French Government is seeking a closer relationship with Britain to counter the extra weight that Germany will have as a result of the unification process.

The two Prime Ministers welcomed the progress made on co-operation since Mrs Thatcher's meeting with President Mitterrand in January and agreed that discussions on this should continue.

They also discussed the future shape of Europe and the pace of further developments in the European Community.

M Rocard is understood to have conveyed the French Government's view that the European Community should open talks on political union with a view to some form of agreement by the start of 1993. The French hope is that there should be agreement on establishing economic and monetary union by the middle of 1991.

M Rocard: Seeking an accord by 1993

With this in mind, the French would favour the early convening of an inter-government conference on monetary integration.

They would also like to see its scope widened to include the issue of political union.

The British Government is sceptical about trying to bring forward the proposed inter-government conference.

It has agreed to it starting at the end of this year but still thinks that is premature.

There are also differing views as to whether tentative agreement on the issues involved should be reached before such a conference gets underway. "You don't need to have a concensus to start such a conference but you do need one to end it," said one Whitehall source.

Mrs Thatcher reiterated her view that the European Community should not move in the direction of greater centralized control and less democracy at the very time the greater part of the world was moving away from such ideas.

The Downing Street talks centred on developments in Europe, German unification and its consequences for the European Community as a whole.

Earlier M Rocard had talks with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. He also met Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

# Albanian suspects rounded up

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

SERBIAN police who took over direct control in the Kosovo region began rounding up Albanian suspects alleged to have used the poison scare to launch an attack against the Serbian population, while 2,500 armed Serbian policemen joined another Serbian force of 2,000 stationed in the region since last month.

Mr Radmilo Bogdanovic, the Serbian police chief, said police units were now in charge in all towns and settlements in the province.

At least 25 Albanians were arrested in the main hospital in Pristina, but many more are believed to have been rounded up, among them the medical staff in the hospital including some prominent Albanian doctors who have been treating the Albanians for suspected poisoning.

"We are identifying organizers of assaults against the Serbs as well as the perpetrators of the alleged poisoning among Albanians," Mr Bogdanovic said.

The regional police chief, Mr Yusuf Karakushi, himself an Albanian who was largely regarded as a Serbian stooge, resigned after the Serbs accused Albanian policemen of failing to protect them and even joining the angry crowd in beating up the Serbs.

The regional presidency said in a statement the situation threatened to become tragic and appealed to young people not to listen to propaganda from either side.

A show of force was evident as Serbia took control over security while the hardline Serbian leadership went out of its way to reassure the Serbs that it would stamp out separatism. It pledged to go ahead with its programme to bring in 100,000 Serbian settlers by the summer while expelling Albanian immigrants.

Western governments have already warned that such a move would have serious international repercussions, while the United Nations High Commission for Refugees has demanded further information, leaving no doubt of the serious view that would be taken should the threat be carried out.

The mystery over the illness which has gripped 2,000 Albanians has however still not been cleared. Yugoslavia's federal government announced over the weekend there was no evidence to support the claim of poisoning and accused the Albanian separatists of spreading rumours to stir up popular unrest. Serbian politicians spoke of a new kind of psychological warfare intent on plunging the country into civil war.

But Albanian human rights activists say the suspension of regional police and the takeover by Serbia is bound to strengthen Albanian resistance.

# Call for EC-wide spending curbs

From Peter Guilford
Brussels

FINANCE experts in the European Community are calling for treaty rules to control government spending as an indispensable part of the bloc's economic and monetary union, it emerged from Brussels officials yesterday.

The confidential recommendation, drawn up by the EC's powerful "monetary committee" — a think-tank of senior government officials including treasury experts and deputy governors of the EC's 12 central banks — is understood to say budgetary discipline should be reinforced by the EC's founding Treaty of Rome.

"The treaty should incorporate the ideas of first correcting and then avoiding excessive budget deficits," said one source close to the committee, adding: "We will propose budgetary discipline as an element of the (EC) constitution."

The proposal will draw a mixed reaction from the Government, which is deeply sceptical about full economic and monetary union (EMU) and vehemently opposed to any attempt to enlarge the EC Treaty to accommodate it.

Mrs Thatcher approves of nations adopting tight spending controls similar to those in Britain, but she is determined to fight the formation of central rules, which she believes would be an unacceptable loss of government control over budgetary policy.

The report from the monetary committee appears to conflict with the views of the European Commission, which takes a more conciliatory line in a paper about the costs and benefits of EMU. The Commission's report backs the concept of a single European currency, the ECU, but says governments need only be encouraged to co-ordinate their budget policies along looser guidelines, rather than be legally bound by centrally enforced rules.

EC Finance Ministers will discuss the apparently contradictory reports at Ashford Castle, County Mayo, in the Irish Republic on Saturdy.

The Irish Government, which holds the EC presidency, has played down the apparently conflicting attitudes on measures to tighten governments' spending. A spokesman for the presidency admitted yesterday, however, that "there was still a battle to be fought".

# Centre right claims poll triumph in Hungary

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

HUNGARY'S centre-right opposition party, the Democratic Forum, emerged yesterday as the country's most popular party in the first free election in more than 45 years.

With 60 per cent of the vote counted, it captured 25 per cent of the vote while its closest rival, the radical Alliance of Free Democrats, drew 20 per cent.

Results were delayed 24 hours by a computer breakdown.

Dr Jozsef Antall, president of the Democratic Forum and the likely new prime minister, said unequivocably: "We can qualify as the winner from these results and see in the second round of voting a chance to improve. This will definitely put us in the position of forming a new government."

However, Mr Janos Kis, a leader of the Free Democrats, also held out a possibility of leading after the second round.

"We are confident we can overtake the Forum when the final mandates for parliamentary seats are decided," he said.

The Smallholders' Party, which advocates a radical land reform programme, was in third place with almost 13 per cent of the vote, less than expected but enough to make it a power broker in forming a coalition government.

Mr Rezso Nyers, president of the Socialist Party, said it was ready to join a coalition with the Democratic Forum if asked.

However, Dr Antall said his party's closest allies were the Smallholders and the Christian Democrats, and both the Democratic Forum and the Free Democrats have ruled out any Socialist Party role in the government.

The Socialists, the breakaway reform wing of the old Communist Party, made a surprisingly strong showing with 10 per cent.

But there was an embarrassing defeat for Mr Imre Pozsgay, the party's most outspoken reformer and once the country's most popular politician, who came in third behind fiercely anti-communist candidates from the Democratic Forum and the League of Young Democrats.

Mr Pozsgay said he was disappointed but not surprised. "I knew all the time I was a strategic target of many parties, so I had to reckon with such a result," he said.

Mr Pozsgay will face a run-off election on April 8 as will Mr Gyula Horn, the popular Socialist foreign minister who was placed first in his district but who did not attain the necessary 50 per cent.

Orthodox Marxists of the Hungarian Socialist Workers party fared badly, achieving less than 4 per cent of the vote nationwide, which means they will not be represented in Parliament.

In many constituencies voters appeared to favour certain personalities and independent candidates and split their two votes between these and parties on the constituency and county levels.

Mr Miklos Nemeth, the outgoing Prime Minister, was easily elected as an independent candidate while Mrs Anna Petrosovits, president of the Social Democratic Party, landed in sixth place. Mr Bela Kiraly, the commander-in-chief of the National Guard in 1956 and a popular hero who turned his forces against the invading Russian troops, came in first as an independent but will also face a run-off.

It is expected that only about half of the 386 seats in the new Parliament will be decided in the first round. Many smaller parties were eliminated, but a cluster, including the Christian Democrats and the Young Democrats, which both received about 8 per cent, will have candidates in the second round.

The final apportionment of seats will be known only then, as it must include 58 seats on a national list based on constituency results.

Voters confounded theories about a split in urban and rural preferences. The Budapest-based Free Democrats, founded by intellectuals and former dissidents, took 28 per cent in the capital, barely equal to the Democratic Forum which had virtually conceded Budapest and had concentrated instead on reinforcing its already strong position in the countryside. Eighteen of 32 Free Democratic candidates in Budapest won or will face a run-off.

The strong showing of the Democratic Forum, although largely predicted in the polls, may be attributed to its appeals to national identity which might have gained support during the clashes between Hungarians and Romanians in Transylvania.

Dr Jozsef Antall, president of the Democratic Forum and the likely new prime minister, flashing the victory sign at a pre-results news conference in Budapest. Early results pointed to a strong lead for the forum

# Elections fail to overthrow old disorder

Budapest — It was a case of East meeting West on Sunday at Hungary's first democratic voting on a nation-wide scale in more than 40 years. Elections followed Western rules of fair play, but compilation of results was in the best Soviet bloc tradition of maddening incompetence.

Hungarians like to consider themselves closer to modern Western Europe than Eastern Europe, which they derisively call "The Balkans" or "Asia".

But the election and its aftermath appeared to show that the nation had some way to go in its aspirations to Western efficiency.

While international monitors expressed satisfaction with the fairness of the voting, the reporting of results was occasionally reminiscent of vaudeville.

East Germany, which staged the Soviet bloc's first democratic national elections on March 18, met the expectations of Western reporters by providing projections shortly after polls closed. Provisional final results were available five hours after the last vote was cast, with the official vote count tallied by next morning.

But the East Germans had West German computers and know-how. The Hungarians had modern computers but appeared incapable of using them. Gleaming banks of computer terminals were on display both at election committee headquarters at Parliament and in the election studio of state television, which went live shortly after polls closed for a scheduled 24-hour broadcast, complete with an inspiring musical theme and jazzy graphics.

But computer screens remained blank. Either because of problems or just plain distrust of modern technology, election officials decided in the last minutes to tally ballots cast by more than five million people by hand and use the computers only to cross-check final results.

That, in turn, emasculated the television's computer system, which had been partially depending on feeds from the election committee's network. Red-faced commentators mumbled excuses, reading hand-scrawled results of frequently obscure candidates that left viewers baffled.

Half-hearted attempts to draw on the computer were often embarrassing. A panel of experts, attempting to explain inconclusive and misleading computer data, gave up yesterday. *(AP)*

# Hardship ahead on the tortuous road to freedom

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

THE newly elected government of Hungary will have little time to celebrate the return to democracy as it will inherit an economic mess brought on by years of poor central planning, communist corruption and suffocating trade ties to the Soviet Union.

Although the late Kadar years did see small openings towards a market economy, which made Hungary the showcase of Soviet satellites, economic planners began borrowing heavily to import consumer goods from the West in a desperate attempt to keep the population happy and under control.

The leftovers were poorly invested in the kind of rust-built industry always favoured by Stalin.

Now Hungary is saddled with a £13 billion foreign debt, rampant inflation of at least 20 per cent and about 50,000 unemployed. That could surge to almost 400,000 if the decrepit state factories are shut, something which the interim administration hesitated to do.

Communist policies have also produced an average monthly salary of $110 (£68) and about one-fourth of the population living below the poverty level. All solutions will be painful but the big parties, expected to emerge victorious from yesterday's general election, are committed to capitalism and the free-market system.

Only the pace of change is in dispute. While the centre-right Democratic Forum urges a "cautious privatization" and wants the state to continue stewardship of more than 30 per cent of the economy, the more radical Alliance of Free Democrats says the state should quickly fade away and the tax structure be overhauled to allow Hungary's entrepreneurial skills to flourish.

"We need to make Hungary a nation of shopkeepers," one economic adviser to the Free Democrats says.

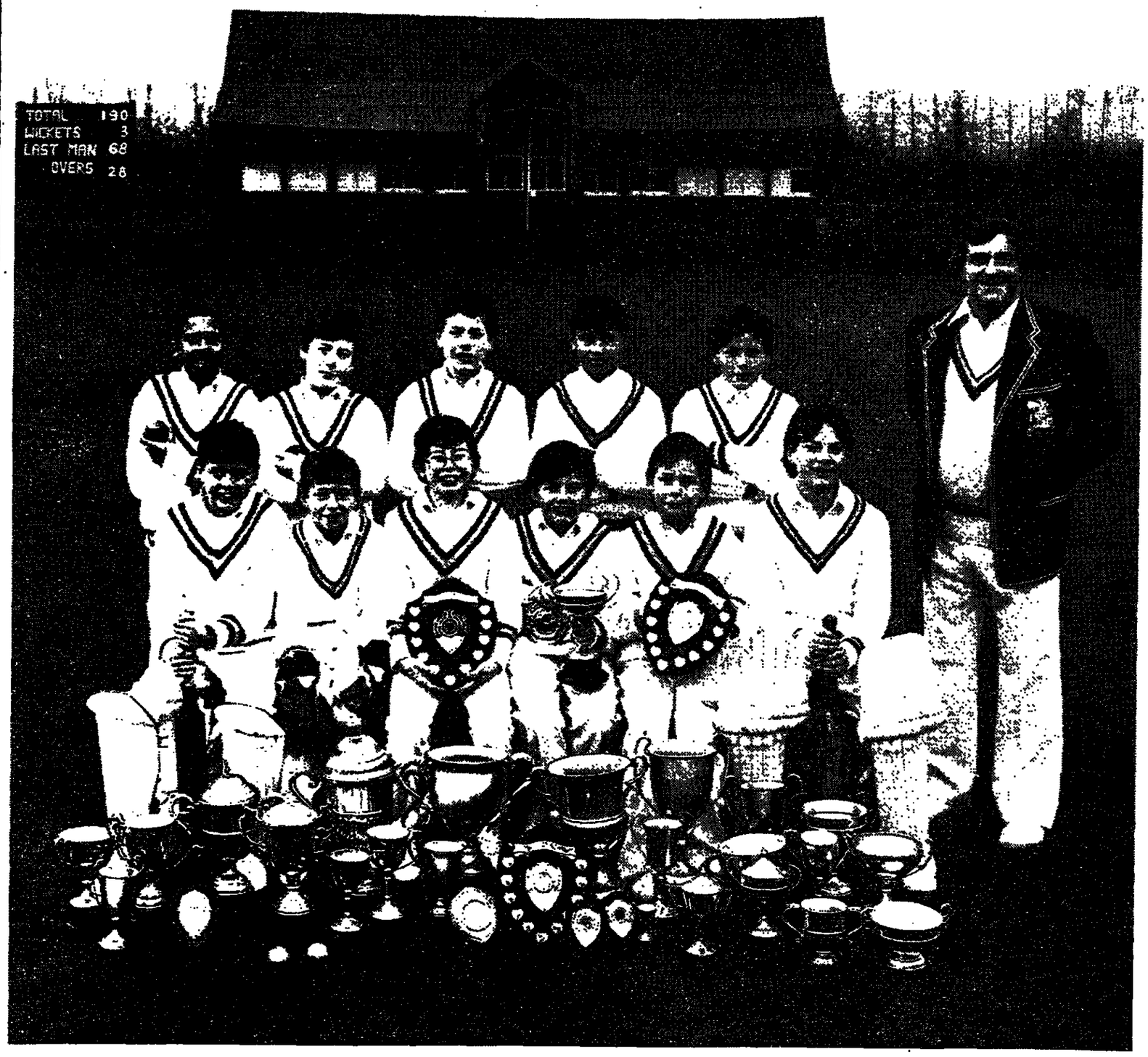
Hungary must also start making things the world wants. A recent survey showed that only 30 per cent of the country's products are of sufficiently high quality to be sold in the West.

How long this transformation will take may be crucial to the nation's economic survival. There are already abundant signs of decay: 10,000 workers at the state-owned Ikarus bus and coach manufacturer were suspended last month and all production facilities closed after the Government ordered a stop to rouble exports, and 70,000 miners are working without pay because the state mining firm has nothing left in the bank.

At the same time, money is flowing in from the West in the form of more than 1,000 new joint ventures and a $1 billion bail-out from the International Monetary Fund. However, the IMF money could be cut off if the new government reneges on promises to keep the bloated budget deficit under control and to change the rouble surplus to a deficit.

A new trade agreement signed with Moscow a few days ago should help to ease the imbalance, but reducing the budget deficit will be harder because the public is used to cheap subsidized services and housing. Changing them too quickly could prompt social unrest and threaten the fledgeling government's stability.

Although communism will certainly be ended, the Government must move to stop old communist managers from making off with profits by selling out bankrupt state firms. Many dubious holding companies have been formed with communist heads in control. They transferred shares into their name before selling them to foreign buyers.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# Hawke poised to retain power with reduced majority

From Christopher Thomas, Sydney

MR BOB HAWKE, the Australian Prime Minister, seemed set last night to retain power with a parliamentary majority of at least two seats after Saturday's election.

The best he can hope for, it seems, is a majority of six in the 148-member House of Representatives, although Labor pollsters privately do not expect it to be that high.

The final outcome in several marginal seats will not be known until the end of this week, leaving Mr Hawke in charge of a caretaker government until victory is certain. The opposition Liberal Party refused to concede defeat, saying there was still an outside chance of a hung parliament.

Postal votes and preference allocations are being included in neck-and-neck contests in six constituencies that are yet to be declared, with results expected tomorrow or on Thursday.

Voting was again postponed at two small polling stations in the marginal Queensland constituency of Kennedy because of flooding. The polls may open today. The Liberals and the governing Labor Party have filled the area with workers in an attempt to capture the support of the remaining few hundred people waiting to cast a vote, in case they can tip the scales.

Mr Andrew Peacock, the Liberal leader, acknowledged that his chances of taking power were slim, based on assessments of the outstanding seats.

The Australian Electoral Commission has told Mr Hawke that it expects him to retain power with a majority of at least two seats, clearing the way for him to stay on as caretaker Prime Minister. The tally yesterday was: Labor 73, Liberal-National Party coalition 68, Independent 1.

The National Party, whose strength has fallen from 18 seats to 14, is in a crisis as it awaits the expected defeat of its leader, Mr Charles Blunt, in a still undecided contest with an Independent.

There is speculation that the party, whose strength lies in rural areas, may merge with the Liberals to create a united conservative movement. National Party MPs have provisionally arranged to elect a new leader on Friday.

Although Mr Peacock is likely to be reconfirmed as Liberal leader, it is clear that he will face an early leadership contest, although no obvious successor has emerged. The Australian Democrats, too, are looking for a leader after the formal resignation of Mrs Janine Haines after her electoral defeat.

The Labor Party is in turmoil after the mauling it suffered in Victoria, where the state government is' unpopular.

Mr Hawke's priority as he prepares to form a new government will be to stop Australia slipping into recession. Both he and Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer – who is expected to become deputy Prime Minister – have raised expectations of an early reduction in interest rates.

Mr Keating said that as soon as the election result was "unambiguous" he would inform the Reserve Bank that the Government believed interest rates should be lowered.

Labor strategists believe they have achieved the near impossible by getting the Government re-elected when the economy is in poor shape. They hope that by the time of the next election, due in three years if the Government runs a full course, the economy will be stronger and Labor will be well placed for a popularity revival, just as the Menzies Government recovered after being jolted in 1961.

The Liberal Party's challenge will be to settle the leadership question. Mr Peacock's poor performance clearly played a pivotal role in the party's failure to capitalize on Labor's vulnerability, and yet there is no obvious successor. The leadership dilemma could continue to dampen its electoral prospects well into the 1990s.

# Swiss hunt £12m raiders

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

THE 40 staff of the foreign exchange department at the main Geneva office of the Union Bank of Switzerland were interrogated by police yesterday after foreign currency worth £12.5 million was stolen on Sunday.

According to Mr Henri Munz, the bank's manager, the four armed men who entered the bank through a staff entrance after tying up and gagging two unarmed security men, went straight to the foreign exchange department. They disconnected the alarm system and obtained the keys and codes, enabling them to open 12 safes.

They took banknotes, mostly in Swiss and French francs, Deutschmarks and sterling, leaving untouched stacks of Italian lire and African currencies. Mr Munz denied that the bank's security system was obsolete. He said the possibility of an inside job "could not be excluded".

On Friday the bank had received "a large sum" in banknotes from a foreign central bank. The robbery was discovered about two hours after the raiders struck when a bank computer programmer arrived to start work. He found staff members gagged and bound.

The leader of the gang was described as impeccably dressed and "wearing an expensive suit with a tie".

Police believe the robbers were across the frontier and well into France long before the alarm was given.

# Impressions of Van Gogh's tragic life

Reflections on glory: Donald Bonnema, a Dutch actor who bears a startling resemblance to Vincent van Gogh, contemplating a self-portrait by the painter before the opening of an exhibition in Amsterdam this week to mark the artist's death by suicide, at the age of 37, 100 years ago

# Mugabe deputy's guards 'wounded rival candidate'

From Jan Raath, Harare

BODYGUARDS of Mr Simon Muzenda, Zimbabwe's Vice-President, were yesterday accused of shooting and wounding an opposition candidate who is considered almost certain to win a seat from President Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) Party in tomorrow's election.

Mr Patrick Kombayi, the Zimbabwe Unity Movement (Zum) candidate in the city of Gweru, is recovering after two hours of surgery on Saturday in which at least two bullets were removed from his stomach and another from his leg.

The shooting was the latest incident in the rarely publicized violence of the election campaign.

Two conflicting accounts of the shooting have emerged. The first is from Mr Mugabe, who told cheering partisan rally crowds around Harare on Sunday that the incident had been provoked by Mr Kombayi who, he alleged, had shot at the tyres of a lorry belonging to Mr Muzenda and then, helped by other Zum supporters, had set the vehicle on fire. Zanu (PF) officials had retaliated by shooting Mr Kombayi, the President claimed.

The other account came yesterday from Mr Jerry Nyambuya, aged 32, Zum's director of elections. With his face swollen, his upper lip split and his right eye severely bloodshot, he said that Mr Muzenda's government-supplied bodyguards had ambushed Mr Kombayi and shot him, his driver and four other Zum supporters.

"There is no way his (Muzenda's) bodyguards would have acted without instructions," Mr Nyambuya alleged. He also claimed that he had been abducted by the same bodyguards, beaten up, shot at on a lonely spot outside the city, and left for dead.

Mr Edgar Tekere, the chairman of Zum, which is mounting the substantive opposition to Zanu (PF), said at the same press conference that the incident was devised by the ruling party to "finish off" Mr Kombayi.

Officials of two independent election monitoring groups which are drawing up reports on the Gweru incident, but who asked not to be identified, said their investigations appeared to confirm Mr Nyambuya's version and the shooting of six Zum supporters.

One of them pointed out, however, that "it is extremely dificult to know what the truth is.

"You can hardly find anyone in Gweru you could call an impartial observer."

What can be said with some certainty of the situation in the fear-haunted townships of Gweru is that Mr Kombayi has taken full control of the city with a well-organized army of youths equipped with walkie-talkies, so preventing the powerful Zanu (PF) Vice-President from conducting anything but a peripheral campaign in the city.

# Gondoliers beat Venice drought

From Richard Bassett, Rome

THE VENETIAN authorities expressed renewed concern yesterday at the falling water level in Venice's canals. At the same time, the reappearance of algae in the lagoons has shocked the city's environmental officers.

Several of the smaller canals in the poorer part of the city behind the Church of San Trovaso near the Accademia are impassable as the result of the drought during one of the mildest Italian winters on record.

Along the larger canals, the decreasing water level has meant a comeback for gondolas, rather than bigger boats.

Because the depth of the canals depends on the great rivers of the Venetian plain, the lagoons cannot compensate for drops in water levels within the city.

The lack of rain and snow in the Venetian and eastern Alps has dried up the Tatliamento, Piave and Isonzo Rivers.

Usually the rivers are by now a pale blue, but even last month they were little more than parched white paths of cracked limestone.

In addition to the drought, Venice's environmentalists yesterday were confronted with the reappearance of algae on the eastern fringes of the lagoons.

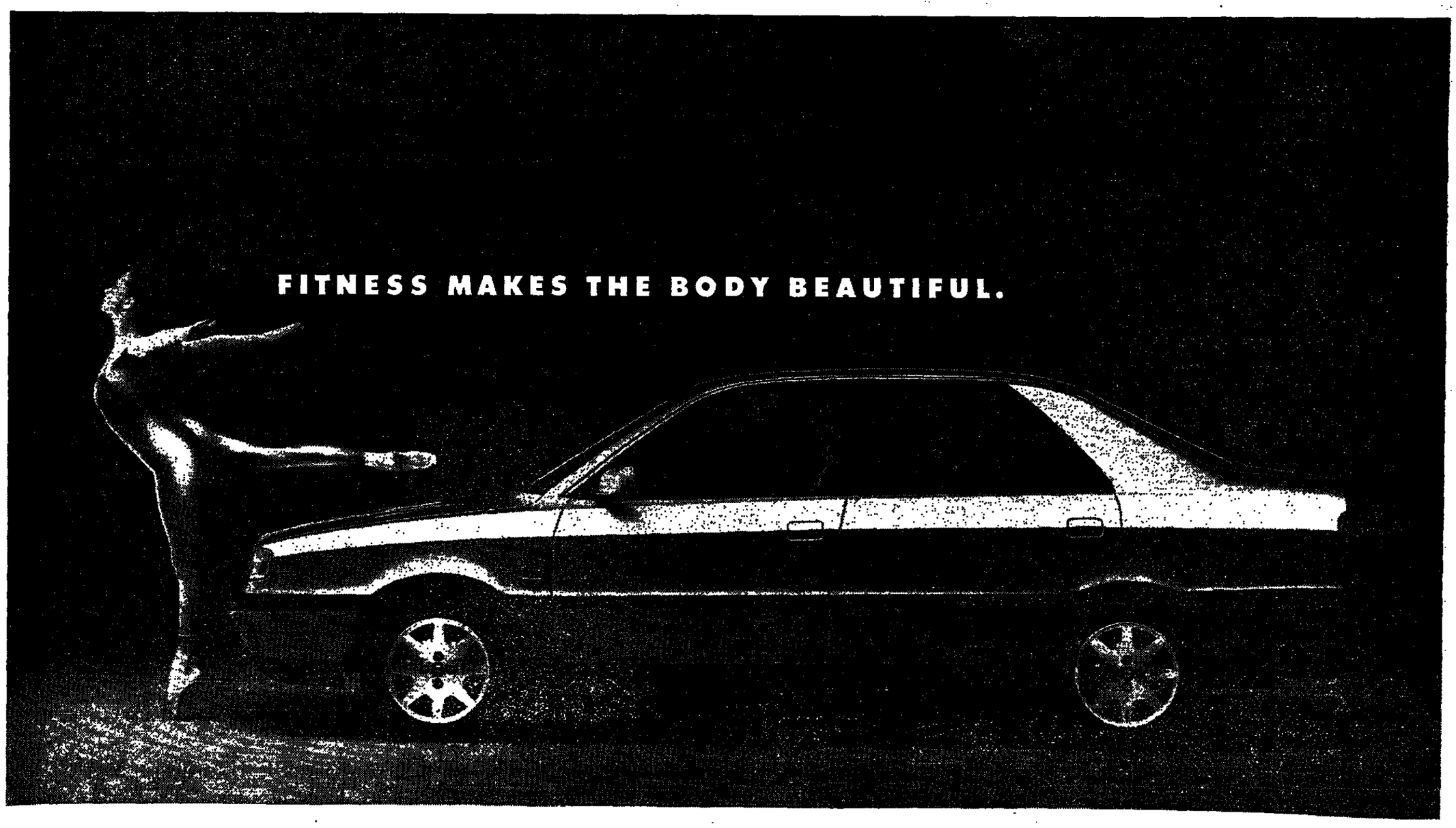
The warmth of the last few weeks has enabled the algae to spread in proportions only seen in summer.

Last August, algae virtually destroyed the Italian Adriatic tourist trade by preventing would-be bathers from entering the sea.

Dr Erminio Chiozzotto, Venice's chief environmental official, warned yesterday that this summer could see a return of the algae plague.

"We desperately need more funding to spray the algae with suitable chemicals and disperse it," Dr Chiozzotto said.

He said Venice could become an ecological disaster zone if prompt action was not taken to deal with the problem.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# Israeli desert city fosters pioneer spirit of Soviet Jews

From Richard Owen
Beersheba

AS YITZHAK RAGER, the ebullient Mayor of Beersheba, comes striding out of his office, an aide rushes up with a sheaf of airmail letters on cheap Soviet stationery.

"Look," says Mr Rager, seizing the bundle and rifling through it. "I get 2,000 of these a month, all from Soviet Jews considering living here in the Negev Desert. You know why? Because I write to them in Russian and I say to them: If you want to help build the Jewish state, don't go to the West Bank, don't even go to Tel Aviv or Haifa — come to Beersheba and be a pioneer."

The decision by Malev, the Hungarian airline, to suspend flights for Soviet Jews via Budapest because of Arab threats, has again fuelled controversy over the settling of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories.

But Israeli officials hope such hitches will prove temporary. The flow of Soviet immigrants shows little sign of abating and estimates suggest that hundreds of thousands of Russian *olim* (immigrants) will arrive over the next two to three years. So far, most are going not to the West Bank, but to towns in Israel proper.

For Israeli planners the problem is not so much the political fallout of West Bank settlements but the profound impact Russian immigrants seem bound to have — and to some extent are having already — on Israeli society and politics.

At the Jewish settlement of Efrat, near Bethlehem on the West Bank, Mr Bob Lang, the settlement's US-born administrator, says that although the great wave of Soviet immigrants is "a dream come true", there is a limit to what a settlement like Efrat can do.

It is, in effect, a middle-class dormitory suburb for Jerusalem and the average family home there costs £94,000. No Russian immigrant, assuming he can find a job in the first place, can hope to obtain a mortgage of more than £31,000 at the most.

The only settlements willing to take in Russians at low cost are either ideological or ultra-religious, and most Soviet Jews are barely aware of their Jewishness. As a result, many of the thousands who have arrived in recent months are confused and disappointed.

They come, President Herzog has noted, as refugees from Russian anti-Semitism, and are greeted with dances and flowers at Tel Aviv airport. But then they find there is no work for them and no housing. Many end up staying with friends and relatives in the crowded coastal strip on either side of Tel Aviv, hoping for the best.

For Mr Rager, as for other go-ahead mayors in "development towns" in Israel proper, the answer is simple; attract the Soviet immigrants, nearly half of whom have high professional qualifications, to the outer fringes of the Jewish state and inspire them with enthusiasm for the Zionist cause.

More prosaically, Mr Rager, a larger-than-life businessman who was persuaded by demoralized Beersheba citizens to stand for office and revive the town, believes he can provide the two key ingredients missing elsewhere: housing and work.

For the privilege of building the future, new immigrants have to put up with present-day realities in spartan, frontier town conditions, and many Russians readily admit they have already had quite enough deprivation under communism.

"I speak to hundreds of Soviet tourists every year, and I tell them the truth," Mr Rager said, as we toured one of the new housing complexes rising from the desert scrubland, complete with an up-to-the-minute shopping centre and four-screen cinema.

Workers and engineers, some of them recent arrivals from Leningrad and Kiev, reached out to shake his hand as he passed. "I tell them about the righteous man who goes to Heaven but cannot resist visiting Hell. In Hell he enjoys wine, women and song, and so asks for a transfer. When he gets there he is tormented by demons and complains he was cheated. Ah, says the Devil, *then* you were a tourist, — *now* you are an immigrant."

For Israel, a great deal hangs on whether the new immigrants make a go of it in towns like Beersheba, or become disillusioned and leave as soon as the United States rescinds the immigration restrictions which have forced many Soviet Jews to divert to Israel.

Commentators speak joyfully of a "miracle" equivalent to the Israelite exodus from Egypt. But the corollary is that, if Israel fails to meet the challenge, the blow to its self-image will be immense.

Planners are fully aware that, whereas the earlier development towns were settled by Moroccans, East Europeans and others only too happy to be pioneers, today's Soviet immigrants are better educated, more sophisticated, less interested in Zionism and much less willing to be told where to live.

Of Beersheba's 115,000 population, some 20 per cent are already of Soviet origin. None the less, despite Mr Rager's efforts, most of the new Soviet *olim* still prefer to join friends and relatives in the coastal cities rather than take up the challenge of the open spaces.

Mr Rager outlines a vision of a "boom town" in the desert, based on tourism, Bedouin folklore and the building industry. He has cajoled big investors from Toronto to Arizona into putting up cash. But the outcome is still in the balance.

I asked Boris Sverdlov, a doctor, aged 31, who arrived last month, how he liked frontier town life. "*Nichevo*," he responded. "It's OK." The shops were well stocked, he said, his family flat was new and large, there was a first-class hospital and university at Beersheba, but salaries were very low and the town was still "in the middle of nowhere".

Even if some of the new immigrants do "drop out", Israeli officials remain confident that many will stay.

But the key question, especially as Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour Party leader, manoeuvres to try to form the next Israeli Government on a "peace platform", is whether the Russian immigrants will move Israel to the right or left politically.

Both Likud and Labour have set up offices with Russian speakers in an attempt to recruit Soviet Jews to their cause, knowing that the burgeoning Russian community will be a vital factor in any future election.

# Two die as police fire on township protesters

Johannesburg (Reuter, AP) — South African police opened fire on black anti-apartheid protesters in two black townships near Johannesburg yesterday, killing at least two people and injuring scores of others, according to hospital sources.

Police used shotguns and tear gas to disperse several thousand black protesters in Sebokeng and Sharpeville, witnesses said. But no injuries were reported in the Sharpeville clashes.

The townships are south of Johannesburg and about six miles apart.

A hospital employee at Sebokeng said the two dead were a boy and a girl, aged about 14.

Witnesses said up to 100 people may have been wounded by the police fire there.

"You cannot tell exactly how many were wounded, there were so many," one nurse at the hospital said.

A police spokesman said he was still waiting for reports from the scene, but confirmed there had been widespread disturbances.

The South African Press Association quoted witnesses saying at least four people had been killed by police.

Other reporters saw about 30 people, including young children, leave the Sebokeng hospital after being treated for shotgun wounds.

Many had been shot in the back, the journalists said.

The injured said they had been taking part in a march from the black township to the white city of Vereeniging to protest against high rents, housing conditions and racially-segregated local government facilities.

The police tried first to use tear gas to stop the march, which had not been given official permission under the three-year-old state of emergency. They then opened fire. The crowd pelted police with bricks and stones, according to witnesses.

After the clash, some people in the crowd reportedly tried to continue the march and stoned buses.

Municipal offices in the centre of the township were set on fire and cars overturned.

Camera crew members of the Visnews international television agency said they saw men in civilian clothes driving through the township streets in unmarked cars firing at random with pistols.

The failed march in Sebokeng was planned as part of a march on the offices of the ruling white National Party in Vereeniging — the home constituency of President de Klerk — from nine satellite black townships.

The demonstration was forbidden by a magistrate and the town council last week.

A local police spokesman said that earlier in the day the Sebokeng police station had been stoned.

Large crowds also gathered in the other townships in the area, a major industrial centre where work was disrupted in many factories by the protest.

The demonstration was organized by groups allied to the African National Congress.

Leaders of the ANC are due to meet Mr de Klerk on April 11 for preliminary talks on ways to negotiate power-sharing between blacks and whites.

Also, 15 blacks were killed in weekend factional fighting, according to police and press reports.

Police said suspected ANC guerrillas fired two rocket propelled grenades on Sunday night at town council offices in the black township of Soweto outside Johannesburg.

The two Soviet-made RPG-7 grenades caused some damage, but police said later that there were no injuries in the attacks.

# Law of the jungle on a city's doorstep

African drama: A rare Tawny Eagle carries a struggling frog to its treetop nest in the Nairobi National Park, a few miles from the centre of the Kenyan capital. Most of the continent's big game, except elephants, can be seen roaming free in the park, against a backdrop of city skyscrapers on the horizon

# Tokyo bestseller fuels unease in Washington

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

A PUNCHY Japanese diatribe against America, which has become a bestseller in Japan and enraged those who have read pirated translations in Washington, is about to anger a wider audience through an authorized English version that will give foreigners a rare taste of a new, more assertive Japan.

Mr Shintaro Ishihara, the nationalistic novelist-turned-politician, who feels Japan should snap out of its "post-war stepchild mentality" and tell America who really is top today, said that Simon and Schuster had agreed to publish an English edition of his book, *The Japan that Can Say No*.

The English version, due out in May, seems so certain to make Japan-US relations stickier than they already are that Mr Akio Morita, the chairman of Sony, new owner of Hollywood's Columbia Pictures and the book's now embarrassed co-author, has demanded that his contributions be edited out and his name be kept off the dust-jacket.

Senior government politicians, half-way through tricky trade talks with the United States and suddenly finding themselves begging Washington for help in reviving the yen, are also chewing their nails about the likely fallout, especially since they feel Washington is looking for a bogeyman to replace Moscow.

Mr Morita's shyness will leave the $300,000 (£187,500) in royalties for Mr Ishihara, who has been complaining that the pirated version robbed him of his royalties.

Mr Ishihara is taken seriously in Washington, partly because he made a stab at being Prime Minister last autumn, partly because he wants another stab, and largely because he is the first member of Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats to say publicly what many Japanese privately mutter over their beer and peanuts.

His language is designed to taunt, and it succeeds in doing so effectively.

US congressmen began howling — and questioning the loyalty of their most powerful ally — when they read Mr Ishihara's provocative statement that, since America's nuclear missiles could not fire straight without Japanese semi-conductors, Japan could drastically change the balance of power by selling advanced microchips to Moscow.

Mr Ishihara also says America resents Japan because Americans are racist. In Japan much foreign criticism is called "Japan-bashing".

But Mr Morita was caught out by Washington's furious reaction to the book, saying it was for Japanese eyes only.

Opinions that would not travel well are traded openly in Japanese magazines and chat shows in the belief that Japan remains an island.

# Arab League defends Iraq in Bazoft row

From Michael Theodoulou, Nicosia

THE Arab League yesterday rallied around Iraq in its confrontation with Britain over the execution of the *Observer* journalist Farzad Bazoft, but said the affair should not damage relations between Arab and European countries.

General Chedli Klibi, the League secretary, said Iraq had been fully justified in executing Bazoft and had merely exercised its right to apply the law of the land as any other state would do.

"Those who took part in the political and media campaign against Iraq ... forgot that Iraq still feels, and justly, that it is in a state of war with Iran and that it has the right to defend its security and national interests," General Klibi said in Tunis, where the League met.

Iraq called for the meeting last week to gather Arab support against British and European criticism of its decision to execute Mr Bazoft in defiance of international appeals to spare his life.

Last Thursday the Arab League issued a statement condemning British news coverage of Iraq over the affair. Some Arab diplomats hoped this would satisfy Iraq and privately opposed the special League meeting, preferring that the affair be quietly forgotten.

General Klibi said: "The Arab states are keen to affirm their solidarity with Iraq, either against the tendentious campaign or in response to any possible aggression against its territory or installations."

General Klibi was at pains to show that the League had no desire to allow the affair to become an irritant in relations between the Arab world and Europe. "The Arab states are keen to preserve Arab-European relations from any deterioration which Israel may be planning for them," he said.

In his carefully worded opening speech, General Klibi made no mention of Iraq's accusation that Mr Bazoft had been spying for Britain, but repeated allegations that the Iranian-born journalist had ties with Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service. The affair, he implied, was a trap set by Israel and Iran to damage Iraq's relations with European countries.

"For that reason we have taken the initiative of informing the presidency of the European Community that the Arab states are worried about attempts to drag the Community into an affair which may have undesirable consequences," he said.

On Friday, France, which was Iraq's biggest arms supplier after the Soviet Union during the Gulf War, called off the visit to Baghdad by an army chief of staff, apparently in protest at the Bazoft execution.

● BEIRUT: Lebanon's rival Christians yesterday strengthened fortifications and brought up fresh fighters and ammunition (Reuter reports).

Security sources said General Michel Aoun and the Lebanese Forces led by Mr Samir Geagea were apparently preparing for battle in the lull following a day of tank and artillery clashes in Beirut and the north-east Keserwan mountains.

Sunday's fighting, in which six people were killed and 12 wounded, was the worst violation of a fragile truce that halted four weeks of tank, artillery and rocket battles on March 2.

# Poland offers to aid exodus

From James Bone
New York

THE POLISH Prime Minister, Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, has offered to help Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel just days after Hungary's state-owned Malev airline said it was stopping charter flights to Israel because of Palestinian threats.

Mr Mazowiecki, whose country was recently accused of anti-Semitism by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, did not elaborate on his offer of assistance while addressing the American Jewish Congress on Sunday. But an aide said Poland was ready to provide Soviet Jews with safe transport from Warsaw to Tel Aviv.

"Just as in the Middle Ages Poland gave refuge to Jews fleeing persecution, so today Poland will not evade humanitarian assistance to Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union," Mr Mazowiecki said.

His spokesman said the offer was a response to Malev's decision to cancel flights because of threats from the radical Lebanon-based Islamic Jihad.

The Hungarian Government said on Saturday it understood the airline's safety concerns but "regretted to hear about the decision which it considered an encouragement to international terrorism".

Arabs fear the Soviet Jews will be settled in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians engaged in an anti-Israeli uprising hope to set up an independent state.

Mr Mazowiecki said that it was important for Poles to "make a breakthrough" in their nearly 1,000-year-old relationship with Jews.

Relations have improved recently after a serious deterioration last year because of a dispute about the presence of a Roman Catholic convent on the site of the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in southern Poland.

At the time Mr Shamir said: "Poles sucked anti-Semitism in with their mother's milk."

A new location was found for the nuns and in February Israel signed an agreement to resume diplomatic relations with Poland, broken after the 1967 Middle East war.

● WARSAW: An official from the state-owned LOT airline said his company was considering a request to fly emigrating Soviet Jews from Poland to Israel and a decision would be taken soon (Reuter reports).

He refused to say who had approached LOT.

The official said good results on its regular service to Tel Aviv had this month prompted LOT to increase its flights to two a week.

LOT was considering more regular connections rather than waiting for charter orders.

The Israeli airline, El Al, also operates two flights a week.

# Setback for Spanish Socialists

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

FOR the first time in its eight years in power, the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party found itself without an absolute majority in Parliament yesterday.

A court-ordered re-run of last month's general elections in the Spanish enclave of Melilla on the North African coast gave the colony's only seat in the Congress of Deputies to the opposition, the conservative Popular Party, eroding the Socialists' one-seat majority.

The loss of the Melilla seat, which had gone to the Socialists in the annulled ballot on October 29, left the party with 175 seats, exactly half the total in the country's powerful lower house.

However the setback is only symbolic. The Socialists retain a real voting majority because four of the seats in the Congress won by Herri Batasuna (People's Unity) — the group supporting the Basque separatist organization, Eta — have not been occupied.

Whether the four radical Basque deputies will be able to take their places depends on a decision to be made by the Constitutional Court about whether they may add the phrase "by legal imperative" to their obligatory oath or promise to uphold the Constitution.

Even if the tribunal rules in their favour, they may continue their long-standing boycott of the Spanish Parliament.

# Cuban weeps after club inferno

From James Bone, New York

Mr Gonzalez: Told police 'the devil' made him do it

THE CUBAN immigrant accused of being the worst mass murderer in US history showed remorse after his arrest for starting a fire which killed 87 people in a Bronx nightclub, and broke down and cried while being questioned by police.

Mr Julio Gonzalez, aged 36, apologized for setting fire to the Happy Land Social Club in the East Tremont area early on Sunday, and gave extensive videotaped statements to detectives. "The devil made me do it," he said.

If convicted of murder and arson charges, Mr Gonzalez will replace Andrew Kehoe as the worst mass murderer in America. Kehoe bombed a Michigan school in 1927, killing 45 people, 38 of them children.

The bearded, pony-tailed Mr Gonzalez was one of the thousands of Cubans who arrived in the United States in the Mariel boatlift from Cuba in 1980. He worked as a warehouse labourer until he lost his job six months ago.

Police said he had been ejected from the club before the fire after annoying an ex-girlfriend who worked as a cloakroom attendant there. Threatening, "I'll be back", he picked up a plastic jug at the club and filled it with one dollar's worth of petrol at a nearby garage.

He allegedly went back to the crammed club, threw the petrol on the floor and set light to it, the police said. His former girlfriend was one of five people who survived the fire.

After discovering that the Happy Land Social Club had been served with an eviction notice in December, Mr David Dinkins, the Mayor of New York, ordered a crackdown on illegal dance clubs. Police sent 200 inspectors to check that clubs ordered to close had actually shut down.

# Seeds of conflict are water-borne in parched Middle East

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

WATER, or rather the shortage of it, is joining the Palestinian problem as a source of tension and potential conflict in the Middle East.

As a succession of water-related crises have shown, the gravity of the problem arises largely because the region's great rivers — the Euphrates, Tigris and Nile — rise in non-Arab countries, while those rivers on which Israel relies, the Jordan and Yarmouk, have their sources in Arab countries.

A recent report from the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies said: "Before the 21st century, the struggle over limited and threatened water resources could sunder already fragile ties among regional states and lead to unprecedented upheaval."

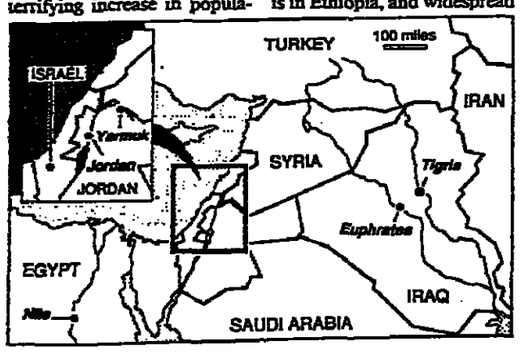
A symposium was held in Cairo last weekend on the shortage of Nile water and the desperate measures which will have to be taken during the 1990s to avoid disaster.

As long ago as April, 1987, a US Embassy report said: "There will be insufficient water to sustain Egypt's population by the year 2000 unless drastic conservation and management improvements are put into place in the next few years."

Western experts say that little has been done since. Two-thirds of the precious water allocated to towns and cities is lost through inefficient use, such as leaking pipes, while Nile farmers use twice as much water as they need because of poor irrigation methods.

Dr Mohammed Abu Mandour, director of the symposium, said: "One of the main reasons for the seriousness of the Nile water shortage is the terrifying increase in population, anticipated to reach 70 million by the year 2000 (compared with 54 million now), coupled with the limited quota of Nile water allotted to Egypt."

The source of the Blue Nile is in Ethiopia, and widespread concern was caused recently in Cairo by reports that the Israelis and Ethiopians were co-operating on schemes for harnessing its headwaters.




Mr Habib Ayub, an Egyptian geographer, has estimated that if Ethiopia does eventually tap the river Egypt could lose 20 per cent of its water supply. Military experts here have no doubt that Egypt would go war to protect its supply.

Professor Elias Salameh, of Jordan University, said: "The demand for water is expected to increase significantly in the coming decade. In this overheated atmosphere of political hostilities ... the latent tensions may develop into domestic conflicts and expand to regional ones."

He added: "Water will determine the future of the Middle East. The population of the region will double by 2010. We will need twice as much water as we have now."

Earlier this month talks between Syria, Iraq and Turkey broke down after five days when experts at a meeting in Ankara failed to agree on a Turkish plan for sharing water from the Euphrates and the Tigris.

Turkish government sources claimed that Syrian and Iraqi representatives insisted on a system under which the supplies would be shared on the basis of each country stating its water needs. "But the added figures exceeded the total potential of the basin," one official said.

Earlier this year, tension rose when Turkey diverted the Euphrates for a month, angering its two neighbours whose agriculture and irrigation depend largely on the river. The Turkish action was part of a $21 billion (£13.1 billion) scheme to build 21 dams, 17 hydro-electric plants, and to irrigate 46,000 square miles of semi-arid land.

The west Beirut daily *As Safir* said that the dispute carried the seeds of war because it affected the "vital interests" of all three states. The Euphrates springs from Turkish territory and passes through Syria and Iraq. It is 1,438 miles long, 249 miles of which are in Turkish territory, and 292 miles in Syria.

"Water is more important than oil in this region," said Mr Mustafa el Said, a former Egyptian Economy Minister.

# TIMES DIARY

ALAN HAMILTON

William Whitelaw retires this week from the presidency of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, and so relinquishes his last formal Tory office, although he remains the party's deputy leader. With the leader herself so besieged, it is an appropriate moment to recall Whitelaw's own prediction of how the mighty will fall. Interviewed two years ago, when the Thatcher bandwagon still had most of its wheels on, Whitelaw opined that where she stood in history would "depend entirely on how it all finishes"; he did, however, venture that she would tower over Macmillan to become a peacetime Churchill.

Whitelaw: mess mate

"But", said Willie, "there's no doubt her leadership is bound to end in a muddle, because she's been so dominant for so long. The Tory party is good at getting itself into a mess, and it will get itself into another one sooner or later — it knows how to do that." She will never, I suspect, achieve the status of her predecessor Lord John Russell; it was he who, in 1851, *repealed* the most despised tax of the day — the one on windows.

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Visitors to Tokyo with an hour to spare have discovered an unexpected cultural bonus. The resting place of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", sold for a then world record £24.7 million at Sotheby's in 1987, is now open to the public on the 42nd floor of the painting's owners, the Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Company. For 500 yen (around £2) a head, the public can admire the work in the majestic surroundings of the company museum, along with such other artistic plums as Cézanne's "Pommes et Serviettes" and Gauguin's "L'Allée des Alyscamps, Aries". Incidentally, the word is that Japanese corporate collectors are beginning to fight shy of paintings because of the possibility of fakes. The companies' new target is sculpture, particularly Rodin.

**● Ah, how distant now seem the Sixties. A mailshot to alumni of the London School of Economics, that one-time cauldron of revolutionary thought, invites them to join the Executive World Book Club for cut-price volumes by John Harvey-Jones, Mark McCormack, Lee Iacocca and other high priests of capitalism. Oh, and they get a free Filofax if they join right away.**

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Coincidence, of course, that the new United States ambassador to Zimbabwe arrived just as the country was celebrating the tenth anniversary of its independence, an event I shall forever associate with Angela Rippon's absurdly over-enunciated reading of the news about the Rev Ndabaninge Sithole and his guerrillas. It is less of a coincidence that, as part of the celebrations, many street names in Harare (*née* Salisbury) have been changed from those of white colonial heroes to

Rhodes to oblivion

leading lights of the freedom war. Citizens of all colours are vastly amused that James Rhodes, a black man, was due to take up residence at the US embassy in Rhodes Avenue, named after the only begetter of white Rhodesia. Fortunately for all sorts of sensibilities, Rhodes Avenue has just become Josiah Tongogara Avenue, after the general commanding Robert Mugabe's Zanu forces, who died in a car crash shortly before the war was won.

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Dustmen in Bonn have been given the additional duty of reporting motorists who park their cars in the way of dustcarts, a task which will doubtless do their Christmas boxes no good at all. The edict coincides with the German capital's publication of its annual league table of diplomatic parking tickets. Two countries with only three official cars each came top and bottom; Cape Verde collected no tickets at all, while Angola notched up 62. The Poles, despite having 80 vehicles, stayed commendably within the law and emerged second best. Britain and the United States tied for third place with 0.17 offences per car. But I fear that the Vatican, which last year boasted an entirely clean record, fell to fourth place when its sole diplomatic car picked up one parking ticket. Naughty Nuncio Nabbed, as the papers with small pages might say.

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**Robin Oakley** on a new study showing Thatcherites in a minority

# How the Tories divide

Again there is a significant Thatcher factor in the Tories' slump in the polls. To a number of Tories, therefore, the intriguing element in Labour's weekend lead of up to 28% was the suggestion that, with Michael Heseltine as leader, the gap would close to 10%.

Mr Heseltine is all the vogue. But in a situation rich with ironies, there is nothing more likely to ensure there is no change of leader. Although a fighter not likely to lay down the leadership at the first whistle of grapeshot past the ears, Mrs Thatcher would contemplate retirement if she became convinced that she was the one true impediment to re-election of a Tory government. If the question of the succession were an open contest she might just bring herself to consider going. But with Mr Heseltine appearing unstoppable, there is nothing, senior colleagues say, further from her mind. She would not willingly hand over to someone who, in her view, would revive all that she has fought against — corporatism, interventionism, over-credulous Europeanism.

Forget the calls for Mr Heseltine to become party chairman. She will not have him, and he would not want to give up the freedom to take his Thatcherism *à la carte*. Do not expect him either to sign a new oath of loyalty to Mrs Thatcher and all her works. For a man who walked out of her Cabinet in disagreement with her methods, it would make a living lie of his past three years of endeavour. Hence yesterday's careful response to Sir Geoffrey Howe.

What Mr Heseltine prays for is that others will put Mrs Thatcher under irresistible pressure to go. He does so for two reasons. First is the traditional fear that he who wields the dagger rarely inherits the crown. The second is that were he to challenge and succeed, he could inherit a party so bitterly divided that it would be unleadable this side of a general election.

It is a notion sedulously spread by party managers anxious to keep down the hysteria and avert a leadership contest this autumn. But how Thatcherite is the party today?

New and intriguing light is cast by Philip Norton, Professor of Government at the University of Hull, in the latest *Parliamentary Affairs*. After assiduous study of division lists and public statements, he offers a detailed breakdown of Tory MPs which could influence the sums on a leadership challenge.

There are three sub-groupings, he says, that can be identified under a Thatcherite group label. Thirty are core Thatcherites, free-market and pro-hanging:

Michael Brown, Christopher Chope, Robert Dunn, Timothy Eggar, Michael Fallon, Anthony Favell, Michael Forsyth, Eric Forth, Teresa Gorman, Archie Hamilton, Neil Hamilton, Sir Peter Hordern, Gerald Howarth, Timothy Janman, Robert Jones, Ivan Lawrence, Edward Leigh, Francis Maude, John Moore, Michael Portillo, John Redwood, Nicholas Ridley, Peter Rost, Angela Rumbold, Richard Shepherd, Allan Stewart, Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher, John Townend and Ian Twinn.

Professor Norton lists 26 right-wingers who emphasize law and order issues:

David Atkinson, Vivian Bendall, Sir Rhodes Boyson, John Carlisle, Alan Clark, Edwina Currie, Terence Dicks, Sir John Farr, George Gardiner, Peter Griffiths, Michael Grylls, Ralph Howell, Andrew MacKay, David Maclean, Gerry Neale, James Pawsey, Barry Porter, Sir William Shelton, Sir Trevor Skeet, Ivor Stanbrook, Sir John Stokes, Teddy Taylor, William Walker, John Ward, Kenneth Warren and Ray Whitney.

And there are 16 of free-market views but anti-hanging:

Nicholas Bennett, John Biffen, Sir Richard Body, Nicholas Budgen, Sir William Clark, David Heathcoat-Amory, Alan Howarth, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Norman Lamont, Nigel Lawson, Peter Lilley, Peter Lloyd, Paul Marland, Roger Moate, Tim Renton and Ian Gow.

In categorizing the rest of the party, Professor Norton identifies 17 "populists":

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, David Gilroy Bevan, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Winston Churchill, Derek Conway, Den Dover, Sir Marcus Fox, Richard Holt, Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Dame Jill Knight, Anthony Marlow, Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, David Mudd, Sir Julian Ridsdale, Tony Speller, Ann Winterton and Nicholas Winterton.

Among the critics of Thatcherism, he lists 27 "wets":

Alick Buchanan-Smith, Patrick Cormack, Julian Critchley, Stephen Dorrell, Hugh Dykes, Sir Ian Gilmour, Sir Philip Goodhart, Alan Haselhurst, Jeremy Hayes, Edward Heath, Robert Hicks, David Knox, James Lester, David Madel, Sir Anthony Meyer, Sir Charles Morrison, Christopher Patten, Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, Timothy Raison, Robert Rhodes-James, Andrew Rowe, Nicholas Scott, Robin Squire, Sir Peter Tapsell, Cyril Townsend, Peter Walker and Sir George Young.

And finally Professor Norton identifies 40 "damps":

Richard Alexander, Jack Aspinwall, Robert Atkins, Kenneth Baker, Tony Baldry, William Benyon, Virginia Bottomley, Peter Bottomley, John Bowis, Alistair Burt, Lynda Chalker, Sydney Chapman, Kenneth Clarke, Nigel Forman, Roger Freeman, Tristan Garel-Jones, Patrick Ground, Keith Hampson, Christopher Hawkins, Sir Barney Hayhoe, Michael Heseltine, Terence Higgins, Douglas Hogg, David Hunt, Douglas Hurd, John Lee, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Michael Mates, Robert McCrindle, Norman Miscampbell, Colin Moynihan, Richard Needham, Stephen Norris, John Patten, Sir David Price, Timothy Rathbone, Peter Thurnham, William Waldegrave, Dennis Walters and Timothy Yeo.

Although some might quarrel with their categorization, we are left with 72 firm Thatcherites (19 per cent of the parliamentary party) and 67 "wets" and "damps" (18 per cent). Of the remaining 217, says Professor Norton, nearly 200 are party loyalists, on whom the whips can normally rely, and 20-30 are personally loyal to Mrs Thatcher.

Professor Norton's argument is that the Thatcherites are in a minority and do not dominate the party infrastructure. Because Tory leaders have absolute control over policy as well as patronage, "whatever the direction the new leader wishes the Conservative Party to take, there is little to prevent him or her achieving that goal... Mrs Thatcher has not crafted a party that is inherently Thatcherite in terms of attitude and composition. Loyalty will flow to the new leader as leader, regardless of which particular section of the party he or she is drawn from."

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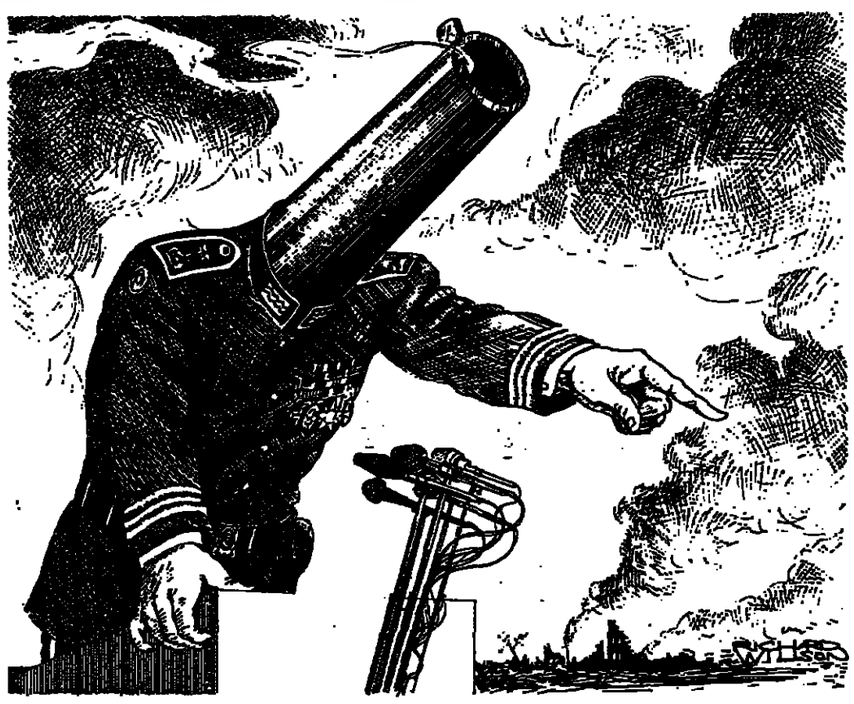
# Don't put your faith in people power



Despite democracy's resurgence in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, **John Grigg** cautions against writing off the men with the guns

The tense situation in Lithuania is a salutary reminder of the realities of power. General Varennikov, C-in-C of Soviet land forces, has said he hopes to be able to avoid the use of force, but he clearly has the means to use it effectively unless the Lithuanian nationalists bow to Moscow's minimum demands. If it were used, the West would protest volubly while taking no significant action to help the Lithuanians. For all practical purposes, they would be on their own.

Because of the past year's almost miraculous events in Eastern Europe, not to mention South Africa and Nicaragua, a myth has been growing that the power of unarmed people in the mass is irresistible. The result has been a dangerous complacency, and encouragement for those who have always taken a dim view of defence.

We should all like to think that dictatorial governments have been toppled, or made to transform themselves, by the sheer force of popular sentiment. How nice if that were true. But is it? Beyond question, people living under oppressive regimes have shown that they cannot be brainwashed, and that their desire for freedom is unquenchable. But that was well-known already. It was obvious in Hungary in 1956, and in Czechoslovakia in 1968. Yet on both those occasions, freedom, if not the desire for it, was all too effectively quenched.

In Poland, communism and the Soviet occupation were always manifestly hated, and the rise of Solidarity provided the most dramatic proof of that strength of feeling. Yet it was not enough to overthrow the regime or to get rid of the Russians. Indeed, at one point the Pope had to intercede with Lech Walesa, at General Jaruzelski's request, to persuade him to restrain his movement and so avoid the calamity of a Soviet crackdown.

If communism has now been displaced throughout Eastern Europe, and if the Russians are moving out, it is not because the power of the people was irresistible, but because Mr Gorbachov took a deliberate decision, for his own reasons, to allow it. The Red Army, instead of being ordered to crush the popular movements, as it had done before, was told to stand aside and let them prevail. In other words, it was Soviet power, negatively exercised, that determined the course of events.

The local armies of Warsaw Pact countries in Eastern Europe are nationalist rather than communist, and so sympathized with the civilian demonstrators. In Romania, where there was a formidable corps of armed security police loyal to the dictator, the revolution succeeded only because the regular army sided with the people.

In Panama, where the army stayed loyal to the dictator, the will of the people as expressed in a general election was powerless to remove him. It took an American invasion to give effect to the popular will, and even then it was difficult. In Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega has so far made no attempt to use the army to frustrate the election result, either because he fears that the Americans might act against him, as they did against Noriega, or — perhaps more likely — because he sees the democratic game as worth playing now, in his own long-term interest.

In South Africa, the collapse of apartheid is due to a variety of causes, above all external economic pressure, but hardly at all to the struggle, armed or unarmed, of the black majority inside the country. If the government had been in a mood for new Sharpevilles, the streets would have been cleared and the townships cowed, Archbishop Tutu would have been silenced and Nelson Mandela would have stayed in prison.

For those who now tend to discount armed force and to put their trust in the moral force of unarmed masses, the most terrible warning is of course what happened in China. Just when it seemed that power was growing not out of the barrel of a gun, but out of the mouths and hearts of students, the army appeared in support of the government, and within minutes the dream of a peaceful, popular revolution was shattered.

The same thing could happen if the Red Army were willing to be used to save the Soviet Union and its pre-1945 empire from disintegration and anarchy. So far, that army has been restrained, both at home and abroad, and it seems to have accepted its negative role. Only in Tbilisi and Baku has it been used to assert Moscow's authority, and in each case it was swiftly effective.

But the time may come when Gorbachov or some other civilian leader decides to use his army on a much larger scale, or the army might take the law into its own hands under the leadership of a soldier of political talent and ambition: a Russian Kemal Ataturk.

Soviet military failure in Afghanistan should not mislead us. Even a formidable and well-equipped modern army is likely to fail when operating in alien territory and daunting terrain (mountainous or thickly forested, or both) against a motivated enemy with strong material support from a rival power. Like the Russians in Afghanistan, the Americans faced such a challenge in Vietnam. But these exceptions only prove the rule, that a modern army can normally impose its will, or at the very least hold its own.

Except in such special conditions, guerrillas cannot win against a modern army with all its weaponry and gadgetry, including the technology of surveillance. That is one reason why ANC guerrillas have made so little impact in South Africa, where the armed struggle is important only psychologically as a bargaining counter. There are five million whites in South Africa, rather than a mere few hundred thousand as in Zimbabwe. There is a point beyond which they cannot be coerced.

In Ulster, the Protestants are a still larger minority as a proportion of the total population of Ireland, and they are similarly intransigent. Even if the IRA could sap Britain's will to resist its terrorism, it could never hope to win against the Ulster Protestants.

The point is that we should not forget that physical strength is ultimately decisive in human affairs, whatever the balance of moral worth.

Because of her opposition to economic sanctions and armed struggle in South Africa, Mrs Thatcher lapsed into language more suited to the women of Greenham Common when talking to *The Sunday Times* last month: "Look at Gandhi," she said. "It is the non-violent that commands total respect from the whole world and has achieved far more than violent movements." The implication was that Gandhi had won independence for his country by his non-violent methods, whereas they almost certainly delayed it by a quarter of a century. When the British eventually left India after the Second World War, it was not because Indian soul-force drove them out, but because they no longer had the resources to maintain their rule and because the world's two emerging superpowers were opposed to British imperialism. The Raj had become physically untenable.

Gandhi's methods could never have defeated Hitler, and it is not by Gandhi's methods that communist tyranny has been brought down in large parts of the world.

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**Peter Jonas**

# No substitute for subsidy

John Major has reintroduced the word "generosity" into the arts funding debate. "We are by instinct a generous nation to causes that appeal to us," he said last week. For too long arts organizations have been reluctant to include this word in their fund-raising, concentrating instead on marketing jargon and catch-phrases.

Under the Gift Aid scheme announced in the Budget, one-off donations, individual or corporate, of between £600 and £5 million will qualify for tax relief at basic rate (payable to the charity) and for relief at any due higher rate (payable to the donor). This announcement is the third signal of a change of attitude to arts funding since Peter Palumbo became chairman of the Arts Council in April last year.

First came the announcement of an improved grant; then Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, gave the Council a more strategic role and devolved many of its funding responsibilities to regional arts associations. Mr Palumbo's credibility must be high in Whitehall if he and Mr Luce have managed to convince the Treasury that new tax incentives are essential to help reverse the effects of the severe underfunding of the arts during the Rees-Mogg years at the Arts Council.

Since the mid-1980s, arts companies have been outstandingly successful at increasing their self-generated income and reducing dependence on public-sector finance. It has, however, proved to be unrealistic to expect box-office prices and income, as well as private-sector sponsorship and donations, to rise at rates of growth far in excess of inflation while grants have been kept down to increases of around 2 per cent a year. Inevitably, ceilings have been reached in the last year, higher seat prices have threatened accessibility and deficits have begun to appear.

Mr Luce's acknowledgement of the problem and his success in securing more funds from the Treasury last October has since been further undermined. As we gleaned from the Budget, estimates of inflation are sharply up: the 1990 fourth-quarter figure is now likely to be 7.25 per cent compared to 5.5 per cent when the 1990-91 grants were announced. Not only will higher inflation affect costs in the arts; higher interest rates are likely to depress consumer expenditure on theatre-going and other arts events.

Will Gift Aid come to the rescue? Will the arts, more than lifeboats, famine relief and Aids, ever appeal to that "instinctive generosity" that Mr Major describes? While giving his measures a genuine welcome, I have to warn that if they are to succeed, they must not be perceived as a means of replacing central government funding for the arts.

If, on the other hand, central funding is restored to vitality, increased individual giving may help us all to catch up with the deficiencies of the past and match our much better subsidized European colleagues in 1992. Individual support must not be seen as a hope for survival but as a spur for growth.

I hope Mr Luce is not seduced by mouthwatering American statistics which show that arts in the US received $6.82 billion from the private sector in 1988, of which 83 per cent came from individuals. What the figures do not show is that growth to this level has been steady and slow since the introduction of US federal income tax in the 1920s.

Tax incentives for the donor have long been in place, but the main reason for giving is that doing so is part of every American's local and national culture. Americans are used to being cultivated and solicited for donations; they expect it and enjoy the "glow factor". A Charities Aid Foundation survey shows that the average Briton gives to all charities a total of no more than £2 a month.

We shall do our best to change that, but we are aware that theatres and museums are not the highest priority for the giving classes, and we shall have to develop our methods and asking techniques to raise ourselves higher on the totem pole of priorities. This will take time, investment, training and resources. Above all, it will need the Government and the Arts Council to take a long view and to display good faith in the capacity for long-term gains by adequate investment now.

Terry Hands, the outgoing artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, recently redefined the word "subsidy" to support his case for help with the RSC's current deficit problems. To the audience it represents a reduction in the price of seats or admission; to the Government it is investment — the arts bring in more than they cost; to the arts companies it is a loan and is paid back in VAT, national insurance contributions, income tax and the value of the arts to the community.

Subsidy as the core of our work must be preserved. We must welcome Mr Major's new Gift Aid and the simplification of covenants that he now allows, but to give his measures the best chance of success, we must make sure the fruits they bring are new money and not merely replacement money.

Religion, politics, health, education, arts... Our most difficult task is to create a climate in which art is acknowledged to belong to the list of life's essentials. "Life's metaphysical activity" must be allowed, with adventure and experiment, to engage our senses and intelligence in order to ensure a civilized and just society, of which the generosity Mr Major talks about is the flower. Let us nurture and care for it — not nip it in the bud.

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# Taking spin on the autoroute

*THE farrago so far. An Englishman who failed to have his head examined has arrived in France with a vanload of his old furniture. He has been stopped at the Calais péage by two policemen who wish to see the import licence he has not got. Because he has not got it, they wish to see the old furniture. Last Friday, we left them opening the doors. Ten seconds have passed; you may now read on. (All conversation has been roughly translated from the even rougher original.)*

ALAN COREN

"Lo, the old furniture!" I said.

They craned towards the loosely piled chairs, tables, sofas, rugs, pictures and boxfuls of odds and sods. Given the pitiability of all such deracinated stuff, I could not see how their hearts could fail to melt. Homelessness is ever poignant, even in a kettle.

"This is not for sale?"

"How could it be?" I cried. "It is all old. And I am not a merchant of furniture. Lo, my passport."

They ignored it. Instead they climbed inside and began poking about. One sat on a sofa. I prayed it would bong. It had always bonged before. If it bonged now, we should all laugh about broken-down old springs and clap one another upon the shoulder and I should be on my way.

But it did not bong now. It liked Cricklewood. It would miss its friend, the gateleg table. It wanted revenge.

"It is leather?" said the *flic*.

"Of a kind," I said. "But see how creased and worn it is."

"It is antique?"

"No," I cried. "Just old. Broken. Worthless."

Venom came off the sofa. You could taste it.

They convened at a desk; one ran his hand over it, unnecessarily lovingly. This is *The Antique Autoroute Show*, I thought; he is going to ask me if I have any idea of what a remarkable piece like this would fetch at Sotheby's.

"I'm afraid the leg wobbles," I said, with one of those light laughs you only ever seem to hear in customs halls.

He leaned heavily on the sofa; the leg did not wobble. "Cricklewood," creaked the dressing-table softly to the sofa.

His colleague eased the wrapping from a picture. It was a Bill Tidy.

"It is an original?"

"It is a cartoon," I said. Did you know that there are two words for cartoon in French? *Carton* means a Leonardo. *Dessin* means a Bill Tidy. It's amazing the things you can find out from a *gendarme*, especially after a long hysterical explanation to the effect that Bill Tidy is alive and well in Solihull, thinks that the Quattrocento is a small Fiat, and knocks out a dozen of these a day.

But it was all right. They sucked their teeth, they sniffed, but they finally conceded that none of this stuff was going to destabilize the French fine art market. They were about to hop down again when one casually lifted a dust-sheet, and paused.

"It is new, this table of ping-pong?" he said.

"No," I said, "it is ten years old."

"It has the air of the new," said the copper. "Let us descend it."

They descended it to the road, and set it up. We might have been in one of those short, grainy Czech films: *Two Policemen and a Ping-Pong Table*. Passing drivers gazed. "What is this that this is?" you felt them mutter. A charity match? Avis Vans *v.* La Sûreté, saving the whale?

"It is simply that we have never used it," I explained, but they shook their heads and opened one of those fat, ring-bound books common to all customs men wherein everything is writ concerning dues, attachments and proscriptions anent chiming barometers, vivarium decor, funnel-paint and hatbands (feathered). This they thumbed for some time.

But, miraculously, tables (ping-pong) had no entry. You could anchor a tanker off Brest and unload 10 million tables (ping-pong) with equanimity. So they ascended it again. They nodded brusquely. I climbed back into the cab.

"Good game?" said Mrs Coren.

I watched them dwindle in my mirror. Each was scribbling furiously.

"I have the feeling," I said, "that the last duty-free ping-pong table has just entered France."

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# THE BALTIC AND THE WEST

The West has watched with admiration and alarm the *sang froid* of the people and Government of Lithuania in the face of President Gorbachov's unsubtle attempts to intimidate them. Yet the European Community and the United States have formulated no strategy for deterring what appears to be a crudely signalled Soviet *putsch* in Vilnius. The Kremlin might be forgiven for interpreting hesitation as the result of the same self-interest which led democracies to appease undemocratic opponents half a century ago.

It is nevertheless difficult to suggest concrete measures which a medium-sized power like Britain might take, without prejudicing its wider interests, to deter Soviet military intervention on the Baltic seaboard. Military action, even of a demonstrative kind, must be ruled out as hopelessly counter-productive.

Indeed, the official news agency, Tass, is already claiming that Nato warships have arrived in the Baltic. The Soviet propaganda offensive which would certainly accompany the overthrow of President Landsbergis would obviously make the most of Western subversion, in order to render more plausible Lithuania's alleged threat to Soviet security.

Economic sanctions would be equally counter-productive. The objections are familiar: inefficiency of enforcement, the improbability of a united front, the imperviousness of national politics to external economic aggression. West Germany, which has so much at stake in détente with the Soviet Union, would be unlikely to agree even to consider sanctions, despite ties with the Baltic states going back to the Teutonic Knights.

The Government cannot credibly threaten Moscow with anything more daunting than the traditional contempt of the British for the bully. Yet the Soviet President's credibility with the West is now on the line in Lithuania. Words, carefully chosen, may weigh no less on the scales of international politics than guns or butter, as Mr Gorbachov knows better than most. His first friend and foremost defender in the West, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is the person best qualified to administer the warning that if the Soviet Union tramples on the Lithuanians' right to self-determination for the second time this century, he will cease to be "a man one can do business with". There is no shortage of advice urging the Prime Minister to go easy on Moscow in this dispute. Apart from pro-Soviet voices on the left, who until recently used similarly spurious arguments to justify Soviet hegemony over central Europe, the most impressive argument for leaving Mr Gorbachov to his own devices in the Baltic states has come from Lord Home. He argues that it is in our interest to deal with a single, strong Soviet leadership. A weakened, let alone a toppled, Gorbachov would be a greater threat to Britain in the long term than a crushed Lithuania.

Yet even the most robust view of British interests must be inseparable from the values for which this country made such sacrifices half a century ago. The Baltic states were among the victims of the Nazi-Soviet alliance, which made Hitler's conquest of the European mainland possible: a conquest that obliged Britain first to fight alone, then to accept Stalin as an ally even while aware of his hideous crimes.

The Lithuanians have at last begun to heal their wounds. This they can only do if the Soviet authorities admit the illegality of its annexation and all that flowed from it.

Under the 1939 Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact, Lithuania — unlike Latvia and Estonia — was assigned to the German sphere of influence. Only after the German invasion of Poland was Lithuania reassigned to the Soviet sphere in exchange for a partition of Poland more favourable to Germany. Is it conceivable that Britain, which has never recognized Soviet sovereignty over the Baltic states, would fail to excoriate such bullying of Lithuania from the Germans? If not, present Soviet conduct should be treated as equally unacceptable.

British mandarins tried long and hard to make excuses for Stalin. Behind Mikhail Gorbachov, the ghost of Uncle Joe can still be seen stalking the Kremlin — and haunting some corridors in Whitehall. The Prime Minister, who last week used President Havel's visit to exorcise the spirit of Munich, can dispose of this demon too. She should leave Mr Gorbachov in no doubt that his claim to moral superiority over his predecessors depends on his treatment of Lithuania.

# COLD COMFORT IN THE COMMUNITY

The National Health Service and Community Care Bill inspired a revolt in the House of Commons earlier this month and now starts what is likely to be a rough passage through the House of Lords. For once, its troubles concern not the health service but the second half of its title, community care.

The principle of the measure is sound, that responsibility for the elderly, disabled and infirm should pass "into the community", from local health authorities to local councils. The change was meant to represent a more humane and flexible approach, and for once it showed Government confidence in elected local authorities. But the whole issue is now engulfed in the storm surrounding the poll tax.

So far, the grants councils will receive from central Government will include an amount calculated (but not designated) to cover the extra cost implied by the care legislation. But it has not been "ring fenced", that is to say, earmarked for this exclusive purpose.

The extra cost of community care will, in consequence, have no special claim, but will have to take its place in the queue alongside other calls on expenditure. Since in most areas, councils are desperately seeking to hold down poll taxes, all budgets are being squeezed. The Association of Directors of Social Services has expressed acute alarm at the consequences.

Unless the Government can find some new means of protecting the implementation of its measure, some of the most vulnerable members of the community will be the first victims of the poll tax, as care for them passes across the financial divide between central and local government. There is a special poignancy about their predicament. The ideal of placing more emphasis on community rather than custodial care was correct, reducing the role of old-fashioned, state-administered institutions in favour of families and communities.

Yet the result may push a rising number of the mentally or physically handicapped, ill-equipped to survive outside institutions without support, into a custodial wilderness. The intended transfer of funds from the big health service institutions to smaller ones run by local councils and to home-based welfare services risks becoming a fiasco. A report by the Audit Commission last autumn criticized the two groups of administrators for their failure to work together.

Now the poll tax issue is focussing attention on resources, in an area where value-for-money is notoriously hard to define. Clearly a policy of care in the community will be a cruel joke if not properly administered and funded: with cardboard cities substituting for Victorian asylums.

The Government drafted the community care clauses of its present Bill with the best of intentions. Unfortunately, these intentions have coincided with the first year of the poll tax. What should be an overall improvement in care may actually be a drastic worsening.

Certainly, community care should not be more expensive in the long run. But the transitional period, when big institutions must remain available while alternatives are built and staffed, is likely to cost more. Unless this is reflected in the level of local council grant, the Government will be guilty of willing the end while withholding the means.

There are signs that the Government has accepted the political necessity of softening the impact of the community charge on individuals. It should also soften the impact on those for whom the community has to care, by protecting the services on which they depend. The Government does not like the device of ring fencing. If so, it must find another way of guaranteeing that money intended for society's most vulnerable people reaches its destination. This is a far better destination for the millions apparently available to buy off Tory backbenchers with poll tax rebates.

# DOGS OF WAR

The danger of Mrs Thatcher being literally savaged by her critics was narrowly averted yesterday when a march by Rottweilers to Downing Street was cancelled. Four owners wisely decided discretion was the better part of canine valour and handed in a petition at Number Ten instead. They feel that they are being victimized by public opinion.

The real question is whether the nation is being tough enough. The Kennel Club points out that only three people actually died from dog bites in the first nine months of last year (none in 1988 and only one in 1987). That is minor comfort to victims of ferocious canine assaults, many of them infants. There is no conceivable reason to permit fierce animals to add to the number of vicarious dangers faced by children, just because they are classed as domestic pets.

The dearth of reliable statistics is the most formidable of the chicanes erected against human fear by defenders of canine freedom, but the pendulum is swinging in the humans' favour. Legislation was tightened last summer, to give magistrates powers not only to order dangerous dogs destroyed, but to nominate a specific executioner and fine severely owners evading the court's sentence. Such penalties, imposed after the event, still offer little solace to savaged victims.

The Dog Handling Act of 1975, requiring dogs to be permanently tethered except when with an experienced handler, applies only to guard dogs on commercial premises. Dogs such as Rottweilers are perfectly free to roam at will. Two recently wandered into a school and savaged a number of children. The growth in the number of these dogs is reported to have "peaked", but the total runs into many thousands. They are unstable, potentially lethal and quite unsuitable as free-ranging family pets. Fashions in fearsome animals certainly change. Twenty years ago the Dobermann Pinscher was top of the villainy league and the pit bull terrier — a mongrel bred for fighting — is fast overtaking the Rottweiler.

The danger from these dogs is not imagined. They are frequently used by criminals who regard them, with good reason, as anti-personnel weapons obtainable free of licence under cover of domestic pets. Since they are potentially as dangerous as explosives, guns or unsafe motor vehicles, the Government's reluctance to legislate to control them is extraordinary. It is the more so when even the Kennel Club is in favour of municipal dog wardens to police every kind of aberrant behaviour, from fouling pavements to biting legs. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called, at very least, for a registration scheme. Polls have shown that more than nine people in 10 would be in favour of more stringent controls.

Even this would not deal with the dangerous breeds. It should be a criminal offence to allow certain named breeds out of doors without muzzles or leads. There is also a strong case for including dogs bred for their ferocity, such as Rottweilers, pit bull terriers, and crossbreeds bearing their genetic imprint, within the Dangerous Animals Act of 1976. This covers several hundred wild creatures, from gorillas to spitting cobras or giant ant-eaters. Those who insist on keeping fierce or dangerous animals under cloak of domesticity should no longer be indulged. They are a potential menace to the community and the law should regard them as such.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Probation officers in self-defence

*From the Chief Probation Officer, Middlesex Area*

Sir, In drawing attention (report, March 23) to the Commons Public Accounts Committee's report on the Home Office's control and management of the probation service, you highlight the rise in prison sentences, but fail to mention that this was arrested in 1988. The proportionate use of custody for 17 to 20-year-old males peaked in 1985 and declined dramatically in 1989, to the extent that young-offender institutions are being closed.

In the Middlesex area the magistrates courts' use of custody for 17 to 20-year-olds fell from 13 per cent in 1985 to 6 per cent in 1988. This was the second highest rate of decrease in England and Wales. There were also substantial reductions in the magistrates courts' use of custody for adults, while crown court centres in the area are among those making least use of custody.

This is particularly noteworthy because Middlesex has no day centres and the absence in some areas of day centres is singled out by the Public Accounts Committee as evidence of the probation service's failure to provide the courts with an effective range of non-custodial sentencing options.

The Home Office is proposing wholesale changes to the organization of the probation service, all with the common theme of establishing firmer control from the centre and ironing out diversity. As justification for this misguided centralism, ills are being attributed to the service which cannot be demonstrated.

The probation service is daily offering the courts detailed, carefully-designed programmes for supervising individual offenders in the community; the courts are responding by making orders on increasingly heavily-convicted offenders; and the probation service is supervising the great majority of these without breakdown or risk to the public.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WALTERS,
Chief Probation Officer,
Middlesex Area Probation Service,
4th Floor, Glen House,
200 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
March 23.

*From the Secretary of the Central Council of Probation Committees*

Sir, You report the Commons Public Accounts Committee as stating that "social inquiry reports . . . have apparently been used as alternatives to fines". This is based on a misapprehension. Such reports, which are of a factual nature, are requested by the court to assist in the sentencing process. Inspectors can be blamed for many things, but the suggestion that "some probation inspectors have created friction with the courts" does them too much credit.

HM Inspectorate of Probation is quite inadequately resourced to undertake effectively all that is required of it by way of monitoring individual services and the dissemination of information and good practice guidelines. We have long urged upon the Home Office the need for a strong and vital inspectorate which, if properly resourced, would assist in the development of effective services throughout the country.

We welcome the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee that the inspectorate be strengthened and that there should be better arrangements for the prompt dissemination of good practice, as well as its recognition of the vital balance between the central role of the Home Office and the autonomy of local probation services.

Yours faithfully,
IEUAN MILES, Secretary,
Central Council of Probation Committees,
38 Belgrave Square, SW1.
March 23.

## Research constraints

*From Dr Tony Rees*

Sir, Your obituary (March 22) does less than justice to Lord Rothschild's intention in proposing, in 1971, that Government departments should be given the money and made responsible for commissioning applied research from the research councils.

It is clear from the text of his report, "The organization and management of government R & D" and also from his subsequent evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology that his concern was not that "too much money was spent on open-ended research and too little on solving industrial problems". Indeed, he goes out of his way in the report to assert that the question of balance between the two cannot be meaningfully addressed.

He argued that the research councils are well qualified to decide priorities for basic research, but not as well qualified to decide what the needs of the nation are as those responsible for ensuring that they are met. Hence, decisions on the priorities for Government-funded applied research should be in the hands of the, accountable, departments.

Rothschild was certainly over-optimistic if he thought that all the departments could readily be made good customers for commissioned research, and the Government of the day was perhaps remiss in not giving them strong incentives to consider research on long enough time scales and with appropriate priority in times of economic decline. Nevertheless, as one who was closely involved with the consequences of the funding transfers, I believe that there were benefits to the nation and to the research bodies from the clearer lines of responsibility that resulted from his recommendation.

It is clear from the continuing debate that the way in which Government supports research is not yet a closed question. Rothschild's contribution was to clarify one of the important issues; we should analyse and use the results of the experiment he started.

Yours etc.,
A. L. REES,
(Coordinator for Commissioned Research, Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, 1974-89),
PO Box 63, Godalming, Surrey.
March 22.

*From Professor A. J. Southward*

Sir, Mrs Thatcher's speech at the Royal Society (report, March 23) includes a suggestion for setting up data banks to study the responses of wildlife to environmental changes. Several research organizations in the UK have attempted work to this end, some of them having over 70 years' data. Many of the compilers of these records have seen their efforts nullified in the past 10 years by cuts in Government support for such "open-ended" projects.

Many of these schemes came under the remit of the Marine Science Division of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Granted Mrs Thatcher's genuine interest in plans to monitor changes in the environment, it is unfortunately too late to start new time-series to study global warming without baseline data.

I was associated for 35 years with one of our longest-running data banks on the effects of environmental changes in the sea. This series had already shown the biological effects of rising environmental temperatures in the period from 1920 to 1960 and their reversion during a period of cooling from 1962 to 1981. We were well poised to show further changes if global warming accelerated; but all work ceased in 1987 when the NERC withdrew funding.

I am keeping some of the work going as a private venture. Suggestions that the observations should be restarted in the currently improved financial climate for environmental research have been disregarded.

Yours faithfully
A. J. SOUTHWARD,
108 Durnford Street,
Plymouth, Devon.
March 23.

## Sale of 'Irises'

*From the Chairman of Sotheby's*

Sir, In reading your front page report (March 22), "Bond sells 'Irises' for £25 million", we were most concerned that *The Times* should represent what is pure rumour as fact, both in the text and in the headline.

Nowhere does the report state that the price has not been announced, and will not be disclosed, in accordance with the policy of the Getty Museum. The £25 million therefore is mere speculation on the part of the journalist and should have been reported as such.

Yours faithfully,
GOWRIE, Chairman,
Sotheby's,
34-35 New Bond Street, W1.
March 23.

## Hospital land

*From Dr David Eversley*

Sir, Your Social Services Correspondent correctly points out (March 20, later editions) that the health regions' capital spending programme has been badly hit by their failure to sell surplus land to house builders. The article highlights two extraordinary aspects of present-day policies in the fields of public-sector finances and of land-use planning.

Here in Hertfordshire there have been a number of appeals by the regional health authority against the refusal of the local planning authority to grant permission for high-density residential development on former hospital sites, almost wholly in the designated green belt. In one case so far the secretary of state has largely allowed the appeal.

The health authorities' appeal rests on the fact that if they cannot sell their land profitably they will lack the means to build other hospitals and to provide community care for the patients discharged from institutions. Since community care will now be largely the responsibility of local authorities, it is assumed that part of the proceeds of these land sales will go to the Treasury.

Will that body then refuse to reimburse local authorities for their newly-imposed expenditure because the budget was assumed to be met, in part, from these controversial land sales?

This seems a haphazard method of determining levels of required public expenditure, as well as using rather emotional arguments to subvert statutory green belt protection.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EVERSLEY (Honorary Planning Adviser, Hertfordshire Conservation Society),
Hummerstons, Cottered,
Buntingford, Hertfordshire.
March 20.

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## Effect of British Library's cash loss

*From the President of the Library Association*

Sir, The Minister for Arts and Libraries announced in November that the British Library was to have an extra £1 million towards the cost of planning for the move into its new building next to St Pancras station and nearly £3 million on the grant-in-aid, a welcome addition after several years of reductions in acquisitions.

The library had already decided to move some 300 jobs concerned with bibliographic services from London to its site at Boston Spa, in Yorkshire, on grounds of economy and efficiency and because there will be pressure on space in the new building, big though it is.

The Government strongly supported this decision (and has even asked whether the number of jobs could be increased). Relocation will more than pay for itself in the longer term, but the costs are inevitably high, and agreement was apparently reached last summer that proceeds from the sale of a library building in Store Street could be used for the purpose.

For some reason which has never been given, the Treasury later decided that the library can keep only half the proceeds of the sale. As a result, almost all of the extra £3 million has to be spent on relocation. The end effect is that the library's grant-in-aid is only 1 per cent higher in cash terms than last year, at a time when inflation is above 7 per cent and the cost of library materials is rising faster than that.

This is no way to ensure the maintenance of the stock and services of one of the world's three or four greatest libraries, which ought to be a major source of national pride and which is the envy of almost every other national library (so much so that the French have decided to spend much greater sums of money on a new Bibliothèque de France).

The Treasury's decision seems quite extraordinary. It creates serious financial problems for the library; it defeats its attempts to plan its future sensibly and cost-effectively; it does damage to the rest of the nation's library system, and it evidently goes against the intentions of the minister. It would be illuminating to know how such a decision came to be made and approved.

It affects nearly all the nation's libraries, which have suffered continued and serious reductions in their own funding and depend more and more heavily on the British Library's services.

Yours etc.,
MAURICE B. LINE,
President,
The Library Association,
7 Ridgmount Street, WC1.

## Legal view of highways and byways

*From the Chairman of the Open Spaces Society*

Sir, A Diary item and a letter on the opposite page (March 17) show that motor sports are invading the world's tranquil places, from the byways around Bath to a 3,000-mile length of the Great Wall of China.

In the wilds of deepest Dorset I have found myself having to step aside, on what was technically a road but in reality an overgrown footpath, to let a line of boy racers file through on their trail, or trial bikes (both terms seem to be used).

The sole legal justification for this being a byway rests on an Enclosure Act award from the days of horses and carts. Such green lanes retain their pastoral character until they become the playground for an assortment of bizarre motor vehicles which share the common characteristic of looking unroadworthy and being untaxed.

Here the usurpers of ancient highways must not be allowed to have it both ways. If, as they maintain, they are using public roads, then their motor cycles and cars should be licensed, insured, and maintained in the same way as they have to be on "real" roads.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEGG, Chairman,
Open Spaces Society,
25a Bell Street,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

*From Mr George Laurence*

Sir, Mr Cheal (March 17) regrets that the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

allows a "Rupp" (road used as a public path) to be turned into a "Boat" (byway open to all traffic) on the sole criterion of historical evidence . . . regardless of the desirability or practical suitability of the change.

There are a number of points to be made about this.

1. Designation of a way as a Rupp or as a bridleway under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 left open the question whether the public were entitled to use the way with vehicles. If, however, vehicular rights did exist, nothing in the Act took them away; the 1981 Act merely seeks to ensure that the status of the way is definitively clarified rather than being left uncertain.

2. Historical evidence alone is sufficient to permit (and require) reclassification of a Rupp as a Boat. So it should be. A public carriageway set out under a duly enrolled enclosure award made pursuant to its enabling Act, for example, plainly enjoys vehicular rights. The 1949 Act did not permit those rights to be explicitly recognised; the 1981 Act does. It could not be otherwise, without undermining the fundamental principle, "once a highway, always a highway".

3. That is the very principle which those who represent landowners are sometimes (and sometimes understandably) anxious to undermine. Even an ancient carriageway, properly laid out as such in the early 19th century, will not necessarily provide a suitable surface for today's four-wheel drive vehicles. But unsuitability for vehicular use is not relevant when determining status.

4. The Countryside Act 1968 had provided otherwise, permitting Rupps with vehicular rights to be "downgraded" to bridleways, where the surface was unsuitable. Even in such cases, the public's vehicular rights were held not to be extinguished — *R. v. Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Riley* [1989] *(Journal of Planning and Environmental Law, 921)*. Section 54 of the 1981 Act solves the problem more logically — all "vehicular" Rupps not yet reclassified under the 1968 Act fall to be shown as Boats.

5. Difficulties arise when newly-classified Boats attract on to them motorists and motor-cyclists whose use of such ways inevitably does some damage to the surface, to the detriment of their use and enjoyment by walkers and horse riders. But that is a different problem.

Yours truly,
GEORGE LAURENCE,
9 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

*From Mr M. C. Simkins*

Sir, The fact that a route has in the past been defined as a "Rupp" is, in my experience, normally a strong indication that, notwithstanding the fact that it may have carried only public footpath or bridleway rights when incorporated into the appropriate definitive map of public rights of way, it had the physical appearance of a road, capable of accommodating four-wheeled vehicular traffic.

Any vehicular rights which existed may have been public or may have been private, the purpose of reclassification being normally to resolve that issue.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. SIMKINS,
(Deputy County Surveyor),
Clwyd County Council,
Shire Hall, Mold, Clwyd.
March 20.

## Sistine restoration

*From Miss E. H. Ramsden*

Sir, George Hill reports (March 22) that an exhibition is shortly to be opened by the Pope to vindicate the cleaning and conservation of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

Whether or not to clean the vault and the lunettes is a question that has raged both before and ever since the project was undertaken 10 years ago. What is certain, however, is that if the cleaning had not been undertaken we should have lost the frescoes altogether.

Even from the floor of the chapel this is evident. When examined from the scaffolding, such is the dirt and discoloration there can be no doubt. To counter the argument that Michelangelo's palette was essentially sombre, one has only to cite his newly-cleaned Doni tondo in the Uffizi.

We should all be grateful for the vision and courage displayed, notably by the Director of Operations, Dott. Fabrizio Mancinelli, and by the head restorer, Signor Gianluigi Colalucci, and his assistants.

May we hope that the restoration of Michelangelo's much mutilated altar-piece, "The Last Judgement", may now be undertaken under the same enlightened direction and the same brilliant team.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. H. RAMSDEN,
30 Mallord Street,
Chelsea, SW3.
March 22.

## Sleeping easy

*From Mr Paul Holmer*

Sir, My wife and I have some sympathy with Mr Chance's (March 17) predicament. In our experience guests who cannot come to terms with a duvet are almost invariably male — perhaps occasionally an unmarried lady — and aged about 65-plus. We have found that the best policy is to take the initiative as hosts and offer friends in those categories the alternative of blankets.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL HOLMER,
Wincott House, Whichford,
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

## Mum's the word

*From Mrs Belinda Goldsmith*

Sir, I spent a good two hours today scouring the shops for a Mother's Day card suitable for a "mother of the 1990s" - in vain. Ninety per cent of the cards depicted a slave-like female at the sink, in the kitchen, vacuuming, dusting, or sewing. Most of the messages inside the cards reinforced this impression with statements of the "Thank you for another year of scrubbing the floor - you're a great mother" variety.

Are the greeting card manufacturers hopelessly behind the times, or do their products reflect a horrible truth . . . that the times have still to catch up with all this talk of equality and modern man?

Yours faithfully,
BELINDA GOLDSMITH,
24 King Edward Road,
Jordanhill, Glasgow.
March 22.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 26: The Duke of Gloucester this evening presented architectural awards at the Annual General Meeting of the Westminster Society which was held in the Great Hall of Westminster School, London, SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

March 25: The Duchess of Kent arrived at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning from the United States of America.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

March 26: The Duchess of Kent, as a Trustee, this evening attended a Soirée Musicale in aid of the Jacqueline du Pré Memorial Fund at St James's Palace, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to be president of the Royal Agricultural Society of England for 1990-91. He takes up the new position in October.

## Today's royal engagements

THE QUEEN will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the English National Ballet, will attend the company's fortieth anniversary gala at the Albert Hall at 7.40.

Prince Michael of Kent, as patron, will attend the Hyde Park Appeal luncheon at the Household Cavalry Barracks at 12.30; and will present the Royal Aero Club Awards at the Lansdowne Club at 5.30.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P.S. Bligh and Miss J.E. Lawrence**

The engagement is announced between Peter Stuart, only son of Mrs Dorothy Bligh, of Minehead, Somerset, and Juliet Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late David Lawrence and Mrs Jane Hogg, of Fawler, Oxfordshire.

***Mr M.K. Dichlian* and Miss S.L.M. Corr**

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs M.G. Dichlian, formerly of Chorleywood, Herts, and now of Great Missenden, Bucks, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Corr, of Bath, Avon.

**Mr D.R. Meschutt and Miss S.C. Bevan**

The engagement is announced between David Randolph, son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Meschutt, of Dix Hills, New York, and Sarah Caroline, eldest daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Christopher Bevan, of Chelsea.

**Mr R.A. Moller and Miss C.L. Conway**

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Mr Peter Moller and of Mrs Marie Moller, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Conway, of Coldharbour, Dorking.

**Major R.J.G. Whitelaw and Miss L.A. De Jean**

The engagement is announced between Robert John Gordon, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.W. Whitelaw, of Strathpeffer, Ross-shire, and Lesley Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.S. De Jean, of Crail, Fife.

## Marriage

**Mr A.C. Radford and Miss L. Parry**

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 24, at St Michael's Church, Waddington, Lincs, of Mr Anthony Radford, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Radford, of Langford Hall, Newark, to Miss Lynda Parry, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Parry, of Waddington.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr Jonathan Radford was best man.

A reception was held at The White Hart Hotel, Lincoln, and the honeymoon is being spent in Thailand.

## Luncheons

**Prime Minister**

THE PRIME Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M Michel Rocard, Prime Minister of France. The other guests were:

The French Ambassador, Mme Elisabeth Guigou, M Philippe Petit, Sir Ewen Fergusson and Mr Charles Powell.

**HM Government**

THE HON Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of delegates to the UK/Japan 2000 Conference.

**Royal Over-Seas League**

THE HIGH Commissioner for Botswana was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's hosted by Sir Lawrence Byford, chairman, and members of the Central Council of the Royal Over-Seas League.

**Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce**

MR BRIAN Fall, British High Commissioner to Canada, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce yesterday at Le Meridien, Piccadilly. Mr Michael Lowe, president, presided. The Deputy High Commissioner for Canada was among those present.

## Dinner

*House of Lords*

LORD Whitelaw CH, MC, last night hosted a small dinner party in the Counsel's Dining Room, House of Lords, to launch the Chest, Heart and Stroke Associations Appeal to found a Professorial Chair in Stroke Medicine at Nottingham University. Those present were:

Lord Smith, Lord Camoys, Lady Masham, Sir David Atkinson, Professor Peter Fentem, Mr Barry Fothergill, Miss Wendy Matthews, Dr Richard Stevens and Mr Tim Traverse-Healy.

## Requiem mass

*REQUIEM Mass* for the repose of the soul of Sir John Pilcher, GCMG, will be celebrated at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer & St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea, on Thursday, March 29, at noon.

## Latest wills

Mr Jerome Otway Fane De Salis, of East Woodhay, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,003,133 net. He left his estate mostly to his wife.

# OBITUARIES

## COMMANDER BRADWELL TURNER

### Bold rescue of British seamen from German prison ship

COMMANDER Bradwell Turner, CVO, DSO, OBE, who led the boarding party from the destroyer HMS *Cossack*, in the famous episode during which 299 British seamen were liberated from the German prison ship *Altmark* in a Norwegian fjord in February 1940, died on March 21. He was 92.

To Turner is ascribed the memorable cry: "The Navy's here!", which announced to captives who had resigned themselves to miserable years in PoW camps that they would, after all, be seeing their homes again.

Like the sinking of the German pocket battleship *Graf Spee* two months before, the *Altmark* affair was an inspiriting one at a time when British arms had little to show for six months of hostilities with Germany. Poland had fallen; the RAF was dissipating much of its energy dropping propaganda leaflets; and at sea losses of both merchant and warships were mounting. *Cossack's* bold action, personally ordered by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, was a heartening boost to the Navy's morale, and Turner's famous cry has passed into legend.

On December 13, 1939, after a three-month career in which she had sunk nine merchant ships, the commerce raider *Graf Spee* had been brought to bay by the cruisers *Exeter*, *Ajax* and *Achilles* off the Rio de la Plata. She sought refuge in Montevideo where, on December 17 her captain, Langsdorff, had her scuttled. For some time the whereabouts of the seamen she had taken prisoner from the merchant vessels she had sunk remained a mystery. Then the account of a British merchant marine officer who had been at Montevideo suggested that they had been transferred to *Graf Spee's* auxiliary,

*Altmark*, which became virtually a floating prison.

After the elimination of *Graf Spee Altmark* hid in the South Atlantic for two months, hoping for the hue and cry to die down before making her way back to Germany. Bad weather helped her to remain hidden as she passed between Iceland and the Faeroes, but in February 1940, she was spotted by British reconnaissance aircraft in Norwegian waters.

Pursued by a British destroyer force she took refuge in the Jösing Fjord. When the British ships went in after her they were met at the fjord mouth by two Norwegian torpedo boats whose commanders informed them that *Altmark* had been inspected, carried no arms and had no prisoners on board. The Norwegians told the British that *Altmark* had been given permission to proceed to Germany using Norwegian territorial waters. The destroyers therefore withdrew.

When the Norwegian reply was conveyed to Churchill at the Admiralty he determined on bold action. He was convinced that the prisoners were on board *Altmark* and ordered Captain Vian, commanding the British force, from the destroyer *Cossack* to board her and release them, with or without Norwegian cooperation.

On the night of February 16, *Cossack* entered the fjord and made for *Altmark*. The Norwegian patrol boats stood passively by, but *Altmark's* skipper steered her straight at *Cossack*, intending to ram the British destroyer. Instead, the German ship ran herself aground, on which *Cossack* forced a way alongside her, and grappled her closely.

Lieutenant-Commander Bradwell Turner led a boarding party which leaped upon *Altmark's* decks armed with rifles and pistols. Turner's men encountered spirited resistance, and four Germans were killed and five wounded in the sharp fight that followed. Some Germans fled ashore across the ice, and the ship surrendered.

After establishing that there were British held captive below decks, Turner ordered the hatches to be unbattened, and nearly three hundred prioners poured up on deck from their enforced quarters in cargo holds, store rooms and empty oil tanks.

Transferred to the British destroyers they made passage home to Britain and received a heartfelt welcome when *Cossack* berthed alongside at Leith.

Turner received a DSO for his part in the action and saw further service during the war. But he contracted polio soon after the war, and this curtailed his naval career.

He read for the Bar by correspondence, but never practised, although he put his knowledge to good use as a JP for Chelmsford and chairman of the bench there.

He had left the Navy in 1957, and, until 1972 worked for Marconi.

In 1980 a "Forty Years on" reunion of old *Cossack* ship mates recalled that memorable night which has its niche in the annals of the Royal Navy.

## AN WANG

### Computers for office and home

DR AN WANG, the Chinese-born engineer who became one of the world's major computer manufacturers, died in a Boston hospital of cancer on March 24 at the age of 70.

In 1945 An Wang, the son of a schoolmaster, made a shrewd judgment about his prospects when he decided to emigrate from what during the Second World War had been Japanese-occupied Shanghai. He reached the United States and three years later received a doctorate in applied physics and engineering from Harvard University.

Within a few years he was able to sell IBM a patent for his invention of the computer core memory — a small doughnut-shaped ring of iron serving to store computer data and which was a precursor of the now ubiquitous microchip — for half a million dollars.

These gave Wang the funds to develop his own company — Wang Laboratories Inc. — a name that was to become a household world in the 1970s at the height of a boom in word-processing systems.

Wang's career as a prodigious inventor and entrepreneur began by making custom-made electronic components. The first electronic scoreboard at New York's Shea Stadium, for example, was one of his early contracts.

But it was with the introduction of a desktop calculator in 1964 that his company really began to take off. When the advent of cheap computer chips made the calculator market far less profitable Wang switched very successfully to the newly-emerging market for word processing systems.

It was a development that turned Wang Laboratories into a multi-billion dollar company — largely owned by his family — able to attract some of the brightest and best people to work for it and dominate the market for much of the 1970s. Its success contributed to what became known as the "Massachusetts Miracle".

But the next time technology took a step forward, with the advent of the personal computer, Wang was not so quick-footed, sticking to proprietary office systems as customers switched heavily into personal computers and particularly those that were compatible with an industry standard developed by IBM.

It was only in August last year that his company finally announced a range of personal computers that conformed to the IBM standard. But by this time the concern was in deep financial trouble with losses of hundreds of million of dollars, thousands of layoffs and a hefty restructuring of the top management.

By then Wang had relinquished the presidency of his company, first to his son, Frederick Wang, in 1986 but last year he returned to the business himself and replaced his son as company president with an outsider, Richard Miller.

Last month the firm announced it had agreed in principle to sell its subsidiary, Wang International Financial, to GE Capital, a subsidiary of General Electric, for about $250 million.

The sale, yet to be finalized, would reportedly cut Wang Laboratories's debts from more than $300 million to around $93 million.

Wang's achievements included some 40 patents, 23 honorary degrees and membership of the US National Inventors Hall of Fame.

## STEWART KENNEDY

### Vigorous developments in the aviation industry

STEWART KENNEDY, who died on March 8 at the age of 79, was a Scottish industrialist with a long career in aviation who played a prominent part in the rise of the Hawker Siddeley Group in the 1960s and 1970s to become one of Britain's biggest engineering companies.

Born in Glasgow on September 4, 1910, Kennedy was educated at Glasgow Academy and qualified as a chartered accountant at Glasgow University.

In 1935 he joined Scottish Aviation Limited, a newly-formed venture based at Prestwick. In order to operate, pilots had to be trained and it was Kennedy's job as company secretary to make this happen.

Two friends, David McIntyre and the Marquess of Clydesdale, were persuaded to raise the finance to buy land for an airfield. Tiger Moths were obtained from de Havilland who, in the adventurous spirit of the early days of aviation, agreed to take shares in the company instead of cash. By 1936 the first trainee pilots were admitted and the venture was under way.

Kennedy was to remain with Scottish Aviation until 1944 when he joined de Havilland at Hatfield as company secretary. He had volunteered for the Navy at the outbreak of the Second World War but a sharp-eyed official at the Ministry of Labour refused to release him, thus he was forced to maintain the low profile which characterized his later business life.

When, in 1960, de Havilland joined Hawker Siddeley Kennedy was appointed Group Director and Chairman of Hawker Siddeley International in London.

The pioneering days were definitely over. He undertook entire responsibility for the Canadian operations of the Group and travelled constantly to North America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Europe. His experience was drawn upon by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, of which he was a council member, the CBI Overseas Committee and the British National Export Council Committee for Europe.

Retiring from industry in 1975, Kennedy began his second career — the full-time operation of his 1,000-acre farm in Hertfordshire.

Apart from farming, his hobbies were sailing, shooting, rugby, football, tennis and golf.

*He is survived by his wife,* Eleanor, two sons and three daughters.

## HON ANTHONY CAYZER

***Neville Barwick writes:***

YOUR admirably full obituary (March 7) does justice to Anthony Cayzer's formidable standing in the worlds of business and industry, but perhaps less to the devoted service he gave to charities.

The reference to "Vice-Presi dent of Missions to Seamen" marks the purely courtesy title offered to him at the end of a long period of conscientious work for that Society: first with The Missions to Seamen Port of London Council but mainly over 10 years (1974-84) as Honorary Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance and Investment Committees.

During the majority of this time I was the Assistant General Secretary who was his prime adviser and Secretary of the Committees named.

Everyone who has occupied such a position knows that chairmen fall broadly into one of two categories: one who accepts advice (without question and hoping it is sound), or one who listens to the advice and then takes as much trouble as is needed to master the problems so that he becomes the person truly "responsible".

Tony Cayzer was a princely example of the latter.

# University news

**Oxford**

THE CARROLL Foundation and the Carroll Institute are to found a new chair at Oxford University, the Carroll chair in Irish history. The foundation's financial commitment is £1.2 million. The Carroll professor, who has yet to be appointed, will be a fellow of Hertford College.

A new fellowship for European Studies is to be established at Oxford. The post, which was made possible by a donation from the Deutsche Bank Foundation, will be assoiated with the West European Centre at St Antony's College. It will be named in honour of the first President of the European Commission, Professor Walter Hallstein.

The City solicitors Simmons and Simmons have undertaken to bear the cost of subscribing to European law journals over five years for the Bodleian Law Library at Oxford. The initiative, the first of its kind made through the Campaign for Oxford, could become a model for support from the professions for higher education.

**Elections**

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE (From 1 October 1989): to Laming junior fellowships: M G Bell, BA (Balliol College) and Karen J Leader, BA (Magdalen College); to a Florey-EPA European studentship: N G Veljstrup, MD (Copenhagen).

WOLFSON COLLEGE To an Emeritus Fellowship (from Oct 89): G K L Cranstoun, MA (BSc, PhD Glasgow); To a Professional Fellowship: A B Watts (BSc London, PhD, Durham); To a Supernumerary Fellowship (from Jan 90): J R A Hughes, MA, DPhil, Pusey and Ellerton Fellow, Oriental Institute; To a Harwell Research Fellowship: A B Lidiard (MSc, PhD, DSc London); To the Spalding Visiting Fellowship: Margaret Chatterjee, MA (PhD Delhi) (Hilary and Trinity Terms 1991).

To Visiting Fellowships: M Goldstein (MA Michigan, PhD Washington, Professor of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University (1990-91); A R A Hobson, MA Lyell Reader in Bibliography 1991 (Michaelmas Term 1990 & Trinity Term 1991); S A Hopkins (BA, PhD London) Senior Lecturer in Arabic, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (July 1990 – July 1991); S S Kapur (MA Punjab) Vice-President (ret'd), The World Bank (Michaelmas Term 1990).

A T Kraabel (BA Luther, MA Iowa, PhD Harvard) Qualley Professor of Classics, Luther College (July-Dec 1990); J H Oldenstein (DrPhil Johann Wolfgang Goethe) Associate Professor, Roman Archaeology, Johannes Gutenberg University (Trinity & Michaelmas Terms 1990); Ching-Hsi Perng (MA Taiwan, PhD Michigan) Professor of English and Comparative Literature, National Taiwan University (1990-91); J Tognoli (BA North Carolina, MA, PhD Delaware) Professor of Psychology, Long Island University (1990-91); I A Ungar (BS City Coll. NY, PhD Kansas) Professor of Botany, Ohio University (1990-91); D Varon (MSc The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, PhD Iowa State) Professor of Agricultural Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Oct 90-Feb 91).

**Cambridge**

DARWIN COLLEGE

To an Emeritus Fellowship: P.M.J. McNair (DPhil, PhD) Emeritus Professor of Italian, University of Birmingham.

To an Official Fellowship: A.M. Pitts (PhD) University Lecturer in Computer Science.

**Glasgow**

Grants

Commission of the European Communities: £376,943 to Professor S P Beaumont (electronics & electrical engineering) to study monolithic integration beyond 26.5GHz.

Medical Research Council: £133,753 to Professor D J Sherratt (genetics) to study *Escherichia coli* chromosomal functions required for plasmid stabilising site-specific recombination.

Multiple Sclerosis Society in Scotland: £110,369 to Professor I R Griffiths (veterinary surgery) & Professor P G E Kennedy (neurology) for regulation of PLP and DM20 expression and their role in myelin biogenesis.

Science & Engineering Research Council: £123,280 to Professor S L Peyton-Jones (computing science) for the GRASP infrastructure project.

**Aberdeen**

The university has appointed Professor Derek Urwin to a chair in the department of politics and international relations from October 1. Since 1981 he has been professor of politics at Warwick University.

**Edinburgh**

Lord Murray, a General Council assessor on the Court of the University of Edinburgh, has been elected to serve in the newly-established post of Vice-Chairman of the Court. Lord Murray has been a member of the court since 1981.

**London**

The university has founded a new Institute of Romance Studies. The institute becomes the twelfth in a group of Senate Institutes providing a focal point for research and expertise in their specific subject areas. Professor Malcolm Bowie has been appointed as the first director.

Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine (St Mary's Hospital Medical School)

Dr Elena Garralda, formerly reader in child and adolescent psychiatry, University of Manchester was appointed to the chair of child and adolescent psychiatry on January 16.

Dr Jonathan Lamb of the MRC external scientific staff, department of immunology, Royal Postgraduate Medical School has been appointed to the Pfizer chair of immunolgy from October 1.

Dr Michael Levin, senior lecturer in infectious diseases, Institute of Child Health has been appointed to the chair of paediatrics from October 1.

Dr David Taylor Robinson, consultant microbiologist, Medical Research Council at Northwick Park Hospital, has had conferred upon him the title of professor of genito-urinary microbiology and medicine from January 1.

**Manchester**

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: to Dr M J Emes to study the regulation of starch synthesis in non-photosynthetic tissues of crop plants £138,125; to Dr Hassan Shakir-Khalil to study composite construction connection of beams to concrete-filled steel structural hollow section columns £84,810.

Wellcome Trust: to Professor John McClure for a study of the cloning with characterisation of the immunodominant antigen of Candida albicans £221,406.

Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine: £103,838 to Dr J V Pickstone.

Wigan and District Cancer Research Committee: to Professor D G Harnden, Joseph Starkey Memorial Fellowship No. 2 (Clinical) gynaecological cancer, £90,000.

**UMIST**

Appointments to chairs

Fluorine chemistry: Dr Eric Banks, reader in chemistry; Price Waterhouse chair of accounting in the school of management: Dr Mahmoud Ezzamel, of the University of Wales; visual neurosciences: Dr Janus Kulikowski, reader and director of visual sciences; marketing, in the school of management: Dr Dale Littler, senior lecturer.

**Birmingham**

Professor Gordon Foxall, of Strathclyde University, has been appointed to a new chair in consumer research in the school of commerce and accounting, from July 1.

Dr John Knott, reader in mechanical metallurgy at Cambridge University, has been appointed to the chair and headship of the school of metallurgy and materials at Birmingham, from September 1.

**Nottingham**

The university is to confer honorary degrees on the following in July:

Mr Brian Clough, Manager of Nottingham Forest Football Club (Honorary Degree of Master of Arts); Mrs Vigdis Finnbogadottir, President of Iceland (Doctor of Laws); Mr Michael Foot, MP, Leader of the Opposition 1980-83 (Doctor of Letters); Mr Georgiy M Fridlender, member of the Institute for Russian Language and Literature of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Leningrad (Doctor of Letters); Sir Denys Henderson, Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries (Doctor of Laws); M Jack Lang, Minister of Culture and Communications in the French Government (Doctor of Letters); Mrs Anita Roddick, of the Body Shop (Doctor of Laws); Sir Francis Graham Smith, Astronomer Royal (Doctor of Science); Mrs Helen Suzman, Member of Parliament (Progressive Federal Party) South Africa and leading anti-apartheid campaigner (Doctor of Laws); Dr Peter Williams, Director of the Wellcome Trust (Doctor of Science).

**East Anglia**

The following will receive honorary degrees in July:

Mr Ronald Blythe, author, Master of Arts; the Duke of Grafton, Doctor of Civil Law; Dr Walter Roy, examination board chairman, Doctor of Civil Law; Lady Sainsbury, Doctor of Letters; Mr Clifford W. Smith, chief executive, Suffolk County Council, Master of Arts; Miss Rosamund Strode, archivist, Britten-Pears Library, Master of Arts; Dr Joan Thirsk, economic and social historian, Doctor of Letters; Sir Crispin Tickell, British Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Doctor of Science; Professor Harold Woolhouse, director of research, Institute of Plant Science Research, Doctor of Science; Miss Rachel Young, former assistant director, Norfolk Museums Service, Master of Arts.

**Dundee**

Mr Rob Gray, of the University of East Anglia, has been appointed to the Mathew chair of accountancy and business information systems in the department of accountancy and business finance, from September 1.

**Surrey**

Professor Peter H. W. Butterworth, of University College London, to be senior pro-vice-chancellor of the university from October.

## Bridge results

FRANCE completed an excellent double when they added the first European mixed pairs championship to the European mixed teams championship they won earlier in the week.

The winners were Mme C Saul and J C Quantin. The former is a past European champion and Quantin is the current European junior champion. Mr & Mrs Terraneo (Austria) were second, third Mme S Willard and H Mouiel (France) fourth Mme D Gaviard and A Levy (France). Only four of Britain's 17 pairs reached the 96 pairs final. They were:

Mrs S Landy and J Elliott (Sussex, 15th), Miss F McQuaker and D Sanders (Edinburgh, 38), Miss S Tick and D Burn (London, 59) and Mrs C Duckworth and B Callaghan (London, 74).

Ireland and Scotland were amongst the money in the consolation final in which 270 pairs participated. The winners were:

1, Mrs Chrenowska and P Tuszynski (Poland); 2, Mrs Pasternak and T Radio (Poland); 3, Mrs G Barton and P Walshe (Ireland); 5, Mrs E McGowan and K Baxter (Edinburgh).

## Thanksgiving

**Professor H.E.M. Barlow**

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life of Professor H.E.M. Barlow, FRS, will be held at The University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London, WC1, on Friday, June 1, 1990, at noon. Would those wishing to attend please notify Miss M. Greville, University College London, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT.

## Gala performance

THE ROYAL Gala Performance of the Kirov's opening night in London of *Le Corsaire* is on Tuesday, June 5, 1990, in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. The performance is in aid of The Sportsman's Aid Society's Teenage Cancer Appeal providing purpose-built units for teenagers with cancer. Tickets available only through 01 436 2877.

## Schools

**City of London School**

THE CORPORATION of London and the Board of Governors of the City of London School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Bryan Bass, Headmaster of Hymers College, Hull, to be Headmaster of the City of London School from September 1990, when the present Headmaster, Mr Martin Hammond, takes up his appointment as Head Master of Tonbridge School.

**The School of Oriental and African Studies**

SIR Robert Wade-Gery KCMG, a former High Commissioner to India and currently an Executive Director of Barclays de Zoete Wedd has been appointed to succeed the Rt Hon the Lord MacLehose, of Beoch as Chairman of the School's Governing Body with effect from September 1, 1990.

## Birthdays today

MR JULIAN Amery, MP, 71; Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chairman, Land Rover-Leyland, 57; Mr R.P. Bauman, chief executive, SmithKline Beecham Group, 59; Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, 64; Mr Kim Brassey, racehorse trainer, 35; Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, 78; Mr R.P. Cohan, choreographer, 65; Miss Maria Ewing, opera singer, 40; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 63; Mr Julian Glover, actor, 55; Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 56; Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresario, 67; Lord Lyell, 51; Lord Plumb, 65; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 63; Sir Richard Sharp, civil servant, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Slater, 52; Professor Margaret Stacey, sociologist, 68; the Earl of Suffolk, 55; Miss Sarah Vaughan, singer, 66; Mr Michael York, actor, 48.

SCIENCE REPORT

# Pot theory comes to the boil

COOKS always say that a watched *pot never boils*. By choosing their pot carefully, physicists at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) in Colorado have now proved it.

The pot is a Penning Ion Trap, a kind of saucepan for atomic cookery. The ion trap won its inventors last year's Nobel Prize for physics. In the NIST experiment, described in the March 1 issue of *Physical Review A*, the pot is filled with atoms of beryllium, and the warming is done with radio waves. Simply watching the atoms counteracts the effect of warming.

The radio pulses convert the atoms from one form (A) to another (B) that differs in the way the atoms' electrons are arranged. To follow the experiment's progress, the researchers use a laser beam that makes atoms in state A (but not B) emit light. They find that the more measurements they make, the more light is emitted — the greater the number of atoms that remain in state A. In other words, *the act of looking* at the atoms stops them changing from state A to state B.

This curious result can be explained by quantum mechanics, the theory that describes the behaviour of very small things. Ever since its development in the 1920s, quantum mechanics has been coming up with results that defy everyday intuition.

In the world of quantum mechanics, objects do not behave as if they were simply scaled-down billiard balls, each one with a definite location in space. A quantum object is fuzzy, and its location can be defined only inexactly, in terms of the likelihood that it will be found in a given volume at a certain time. Thus particles are best thought of as "probability waves".

This idea has dramatic consequences for the philosophy of science. Before quantum mechanics, scientists had assumed that the nature of the physical world would be unaffected by the act of observing it. Quantum mechanics, however, says otherwise. The act of looking at a fuzzy quantum particle collapses it from a palette of possible properties into a sharply defined object. So measurement does not merely "show" the object; in a sense, it "creates" it from the smeared-out wave.

Another quirk of measurement in the world of quantum mechanics is revealed by the NIST experiment. When a number of quantum mechanical particles evolve from one state to the other, they start off with some "memory" of their initial state (the technical term is "coherence"), but after a while this memory is lost. It is rather like a droplet of ink dispersing in a glass of water. After only a very short time, the droplet has hardly begun to mix, and it is relatively easy to see what the original drop must have looked like. However, before long, the droplet breaks into wispy tendrils and any picture of the initial shape is lost.

For a quantum mechanical system such as the beryllium atoms in the Penning trap, the act of looking can collapse the particles back to their starting configuration — in this case, preventing them from going from state A to state B.

This is only true if the measurement is made while the particles still retain some memory of having been in state A: if it is made too late, all memory is lost. However, the NIST group set up their experiments in such a way that the atoms' *memory lasts* essentially indefinitely.

The researchers found that if they make measurements often enough, the atoms are constantly forced back to the initial state — the pot never boils. In the ink drop analogy, it is as if the drop is kept from mixing just by watching it. *The moral*, perhaps, is that in quantum mechanics there are times when it pays to be circumspect.

**Philip Ball**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life.. whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
St. John 11 : 25,26.

## BIRTHS

**CARTWRIGHT** - On March 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola (née Greene) and Andrew, a daughter, Olivia Anna. Mother and baby are fine and father is recovering well.

**CHILD-VILLIERS** - On March 24th, in Kent, to Alexander and Linda-Benedicta, a son.

**CROOK** - On March 20th, to Carol and Brian, a son, Fergus John Donald, a brother for Jamie and Robbie.

**CROSS** - On March 21st 1990, to Susan (née White) and John, a son, Alexander John, a brother for Jonathan.

**DACEY** - On March 23rd, to Jacqueline (née Macnamara) and Christopher Richard, a son, Michael Howard Christopher.

**DAVIES** - On March 19th, at Raigmore, Inverness, to Nicky (née Richard) and David, a daughter, Annabel.

**de WALDEN** - On March 26th, to Camilla and Ludovic, a daughter, a sister for Rollo and Niko.

**FEW BROWN** - On March 23rd 1990, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Alison (née Cotterell) and Ben, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth.

**GEFERS** - On March 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Isdagny (née Carpio) and Robert, a son, Alexander Robert.

**GRIMES** - On March 17th, to Geraldine and Malcolm, a son, Toby Sam, a brother for Victoria.

**HANNAM** - On March 20th, to Susan (née Clendinning) and Brett, a daughter, Emily Sophia, a sister for Charlotte.

**HITCHCOCK** - On March 13th 1990, at Warrington DG Hospital, to Arthur and Julia-Anne (née Burton), a daughter, Sally Jordan.

**HORNBY** - On March 22nd, to Anne (née Rae) and John, a son, Edward John.

**JOLLIFFE** - On March 13th 1990, to Dawn (née Phelps) and Gordon, a son, Callum Fergus.

**LAMBETH** - On March 24th, to Cheryll (née St Pier) and Tristan Lambeth, of South Lodge, Wisborough Green, Sussex, a little girl, Claudia Fleur, a sister for Oliver.

**PELLY** - On March 23rd 1990, to Jane and Hugh, a daughter, sister for Tom, Matthew, Adam and Christopher.

**POTE-HUNT** - On March 6th 1990, in London, to Brian and Selina (Rand), a son, Michael James.

**RAND** - See Pote-Hunt.

**RUTTLE** - On March 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Stephen and Fiona a son, to Emma a brother, James Patrick Mayo.

**SHAUGHNESSY** - On March 18th, to Susan, wife of Charles Shaughnessy, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., a daughter, Jenny Johanna.

**SOUTHERN** - On March 23rd, in California, to Julie (née Ritter) and Andrew, a son, Matthew Henry Ritter.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

**COVENTRY:ASHTON** - On March 27th 1940 at Brompton Oratory, London, Frederick to Lola, by the Rev. C.C. Martindale S.J.

**MOWER WHITE:EASTWOOD** - On March 27th 1940 at St. Mary's, Graham Terrace, SW1. Peter Mower White to Jane Eastwood Still at 401 Elm Tree court, Elm Tree Road, london, NW8 9JT.

## DEATHS

**AMBROSE** - On March 23rd 1990, at Tenterden, Mary Travers, formerly of Mansfield, Benenden, Kent. Daughter of the late Edward and Eva Ambrose, of Hamilton, Ontario. Sister of the late Judge Alan, John and Edward. Much loved aunt of James and Judith. Served with the Canadian Red Cross. Funeral Service Benenden Church, Monday April 2nd at 2.30 pm. followed by cremation at Vinters Park, Maidstone. Flowers or donations for British Diabetic Association to K.B. Sills Ltd., Kenwood, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent. tel. (0580) 712284.

**ANDREW** - On March 21st, suddenly while on holiday in Portugal, Anne, of Forest Row, Sussex, beloved wife of the late James Andrew and dearly loved mother of Pauline and Liz. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, 12 noon on Monday April 2nd 1990, followed by burial in Forest Row Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to The British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Fuller and Scott, The Waketyns, Uckfield. tel: (0825) 763241.

**BAXTER** - On March 22nd, peacefully after a long illness, aged 90 years, Isabella Miller Brand, widow of Sandy, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday April 6th at 3 pm. Family flowers and donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham.

**BULPIN** - On Tuesday March 20th, Thomas Ian. Funeral on Wednesday March 28th, 2 pm, at Kingston Crematorium.

**CHAPPELL** - On March 23rd, in hospital, Kathleen (Kay), aged 76 years, of Baslow, formerly of Bakewell. Dearly loved mother of Warwick and mother-in-law of Jan, devoted grandmother of Rupert, Georgina and Benjamin. Much loved sister of Rita and a dear aunt. Service and interment at Great Longstone Parish Church on Monday April 2nd at 10.30 am. Flowers or donations for The British Heart Foundation may be sent to John Heath & Sons, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield, S4 7LS.

**DALE** - On March 23rd 1990, peacefully in Hove Clinic, Frank Ernest, aged 88, of Bedford Hotel, Brighton. Beloved stepfather of Ivor and John Gordon, a loving stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Hove Cemetery, Old Shoreham Road, Hove, on Thursday March 29th at 1.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries to S.E. Skinner & Sons, 145 Lewes Road, Brighton. tel: (0273) 607446.

**EASTER** - On Friday March 23rd, aged 64, after a long and courageous fight against cancer, José (née de Winter). Beloved mother of Shirley and Gillian, mother-in-law of Leonard and Jon, grandmother of Helen and Richard. Funeral and donation details c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting St., Bury St Edmunds. tel: (0284) 754049.

**ECHT** - On March 22nd, in hospital after illness borne with great courage, Dorothy Mary 'Dodie' (née Lipscomb). Loved daughter of the late Willie and Dorothy, sister of Diana and the late Victor. Funeral at 2.30 on Thursday March 29th at Thorp Arch Church. Donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital.

**GRAHAM** - On Sunday March 25th 1990, Yvonne Graham (nee Dubois), late of Seaford, beloved wife of the late Dr. John Graham, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday April 3rd 1990 at 4 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to National Trust. Enquiries and donations c/o Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service. (0323) 893889.

**GREY** - On Wednesday March 21st, with much courage after a long illness, Christabel. The funeral will be at Harting Parish Church, near Petersfield, on Wednesday March 28th at 3 pm. Flowers to Funeral Services Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield.

**GREY EGERTON** - On Thursday March 22nd, peacefully, aged 93, KATHLEEN LADY GREY EGERTON, lately of West Lulworth, Dorset. Most dearly loved mother of David and (the late) Zena Dickson. The private cremation took place on Monday March 26th.

**GUINNESS** - On March 21st, John Back Grattan of Sereyton, Devon, after a long illness, beloved husband of Joanne. No flowers, cremation private.

**GUNDRY** - On March 24th 1990, the Revd Canon Dudley William Gundry, lately Chancellor of Leicester Cathedral, aged 73. Funeral Service at Leicester Cathedral on April 2nd at 12 noon. If desired, donations instead of flowers to Leicester Cathedral or Leicester Grammar School.

**HAMILTON** - On March 25th, in Winchester, Ronald Hamilton O.B.E., T.D., aged 80. Much loved husband of Jay. Funeral Service at Compton Parish Church on Friday March 30th at 2 pm. Memorial Service later in Winchester College Chapel. No flowers please, donations if desired to Ex Services Mental Welfare Society, Broadway House, The Broadway, London SW19.

**HUTCHESON** - On March 25th, after a short illness courageously borne, Vera Mildred, of Berkhamsted, Herts., widow of Andrew and deeply loved mother of Janet. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Northchurch, on Friday March 30th at 10.30 am. Donations if desired to the R.S.P.B. or Children's Society, c/o J. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 1 Christchurch Road, Hemel Hempstead. tel: (0442) 53465.

**HUTTON** - On March 23rd 1990, at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Essex, Margaret Desirée, dearly loved wife of John, Chairman of Essex Education and of East Anglia Tourist Board; Vice Chair of Eastern Sports Council. Funeral on April 2nd at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood, 2.30 pm, flowers from family and old friends only please: donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Bennetts Ltd., 120 High St., Brentwood, Essex.

**JOHNSTON** - On March 23rd 1990, peacefully at home, Ronald Hilary Graves, formerly I.C.S., aged 92. Much loved father and grandfather. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Stoke Abbott, Dorset, at 2.30 pm on April 4th.

**LAPPAGE** - On March 26th 1990, Jeffrey Reginald Edward, aged 60, at The Royal Masonic Hospital, after an illness patiently borne. Funeral at Breakspeare Crematorium, Ruislip, at 1 pm on April 2nd. Flowers to W S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond St., Ealing W5. tel: 01-567 0422.

**LLOYD** - On March 25th, peacefully at home, Alice Joan (née Hignett), aged 90 years, widow of Thomas William Lloyd and sister of May Lloyd. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday March 28th at 1.20 pm. Flowers may be sent to Kenyons, 12 Chiltern Street, W1, by 12 noon.

**OSTERGAARD** - On Thursday March 22nd, in Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, Geoffrey Nielsen, aged 63 years, husband of Eva and father of Magnus.

**PARKHOUSE** - On March 22nd, Jane Margaret, adored second daughter of Rupert and Rosemary, beloved sister of Caroline and Richard and much loved aunt of Richard, Timothy, Rachel, Elizabeth and Edward, much loved sister-in-law of Susan and Joseph. Requiem Mass at St Margaret Clitherow R.C. Church, 4 Kingswood Drive, SE19, on Friday March 30th at 2.30 pm, followed by private interment at Marnhull in Dorset. Family flowers only, donations please to Mencap or Cafod, c/o Kellaways Funeral Service, 104 Lordship Lane, London, SE22 8HF.

**POPE** - On Friday March 23rd 1990, peacefully at home, Ruby Julia, beloved wife of the late Stephen Pope. Private family funeral at Wallington, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Walington Tottenhill and Wormegay Parish Churches, c/o The Rectory, Wallington, Kings Lynn.

**REED** - On March 23rd, at Leeds General Infirmary, Ronald, aged 70 years, dearly loved husband of Marian, much loved and respected father of Helen, John and Duncan and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service on March 30th at Calverley Parish Church at 1.45, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Contributions, if desired, to University of Leeds Brotherton Library Special Collections Fund.

**ROBERTS** - On March 23rd, Brigadier John Mark Herbert O.B.E., Late Parachute Regiment, formerly Welsh Guards. Requiem Mass 2.30 pm Sunday April 1st, Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street. Donations to the Intensive Care Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith. 'The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Praise the Lord'.

**SHAPLAND** - On March 23rd, peacefully in her 85th year, at Oakwell Residential Home, Barnstaple, Barbara Josephine L.D.S. (late of Crediton). Eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs H.R. Shapland, of Bellaire, Barnstaple and dearly loved sister of Joy and Monica. Funeral Service at Grosvenor Street Chapel, Bear Street, Barnstaple, on Thursday March 29th at 10.45 am, to be followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Leprosy Mission, c/o Padfields Funeral Service, Barnstaple.

**SHERWOOD** - On March 24th, Alice Mary (Murray), devoted and much loved wife of David Milner and loving mother and grandmother. Funeral private.

**SILVER** - On March 24th, in London, aged 74, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Geoffrey John, deeply mourned by his entire family and many friends.

**SMITH WRIGHT** - On March 23rd, peacefully, Josephine Margaret, in her 85th year. Greatly loved friend of Rachel Brooke. Beloved sister of Teddy, John, the late Gordon and Dorothea. Treasured aunt and great-aunt. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at 12.30 on Friday March 30th at St James-the-Less, Nutley. No flowers, but donations if wished to St Catherine's Hospice, c/o Fuller and Scott, The Waketyns, Uckfield, Sussex.

**TERRY** - On March 24th 1990, Philip John, aged 87, of Snape. Dearly loved husband of Phyllis, much loved father of Jane (Salusbury) and Quinlan and their families. Funeral Service Private. No flowers please, but if desired donations to Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.

**THOMPSON** - On March 22nd, peacefully, Marjorie, aged 97, of Fittleworth and late of Ashtead. A much loved aunt, great-aunt and cousin. Funeral on Thursday March 29th at St Mary's Church, Fittleworth, followed by cremation. Family flowers, but donations if desired to Mission's to Seamen, R.S.P.C.A. or a charity of donor's choice, c/o Messrs W. Bryder & Sons, The Gables, Tillington, near Petworth, West Sussex, GU28 9AB tel: (0798) 42174.

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**TONUCCI** - On March 23rd, suddenly at home, Otello of Otello Restaurant, Finchley, husband of Marvit, father of Paolo, Marco and Daniela. Funeral Service for family and friends at St Phillip's Catholic Church, Gravel Hill, N3, at 10 am and burial at Hendon Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, NW7, at 11 am on Monday April 2nd. Family flowers only, donations if desired to charity of your choice.

**WEISS** - On March 26th, peacefully at Little Marlow, Sir Eric, beloved husband of Greta and father of Norman, Fleur, Jennifer and Stephen. No flowers but donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

**WILLETT** - On March 23rd, Guy William Willett, Barrister-at-Law, aged 76 years, peacefully in Alderney, after a long illness borne with characteristic fortitude. Last surviving son of William Willett, beloved husband of Elizabeth and dearest father of Jacqueline, William and Nicolette. Funeral in Alderney on March 29th at 12 noon. Memorial Service to be announced later. No flowers, but donations may be made to the Chest, Heart & Stroke Association, c/o Lloyds Bank, Alderney.

**WOOD** - On March 23rd 1990, Victor Franklin Wood O.B.E., aged 91 years. Dearly loved husband of Phyl and loving father of Pam. The funeral takes place at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday March 29th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be sent for The Friends of Guildford Hospitals, c/o Ayling's Funeral Services, 25-27 South Road, Guildford. (0483) 67333.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

**CROCKETT** - The Funeral Service for the late Mrs Carol Crockett, of Nether Heyford, Northampton, will be held at The Parish Church of St Matthews, Northampton, on Thursday March 29th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

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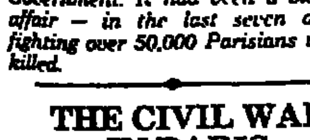

*The Commune, declaring Paris to be a free city, was proclaimed on March 18 and lasted until May when the insurgents capitulated to the Government. It had been a bloody affair – in the last seven days' fighting over 50,000 Parisians were killed.*

### THE CIVIL WAR IN PARIS

(From Our Special Correspondent)

PARIS, MARCH 25.

Last night we went to bed thinking that for once we might sleep soundly, with little risk of being awakened in the middle of the night by the rattle of musketry or rush of panic-stricken crowds. There had been a reconciliation. The Parties of Order and of Disorder had met together, Belleville and St. Germain were kissing each other ...

This morning all is changed, and one of my scouts has just come in to tell me that at any moment Civil War may break out more fiercely than ever, the Party of Order being this time the first to make the attack by endeavouring to carry the enemy's positions... I cross the street and find myself among gentlemen with whom any... token of "respectability" might lead to my conviction as an "aristo", and therefore natural execution as a spy.

I met a Frenchman yesterday who told me he could not safely accompany me to the Hotel de Ville, as if he were observed there he would, in all probability, be sent before a court-marshal and summarily shot. I asked why, expecting to hear that he had in some way personally incurred the hostility of the Comite Central. But his offence was partly rank and partly a slight connection with a portion of the "reactionary" press. He did not mind, however, going near the lion, so long as we took care not to walk actually into the animal's jaws ... We had covered a mile of ground – or not very much more – and we had repeatedly passed from one hostile camp to another, each party ready to fly at the other's throat, though scarcely knowing why or how to distinguish their foes from their friends.

We had noticed on our way that a great many National Guards were going about without wearing on their caps, the usual figures to denote the number of their battalions. Probably they felt that, not knowing at what moment they might be in a *bon* or *mauvais* camp, it was as well to carry no sign of belonging to either. As, about half-past 3, we entered a street leading back into the Rue de Rivoli, we found the inhabitants all crowding to the doors and windows, and in the utmost state of excitement. "Fighting was going on" they all declared, close by at the Louvre...

However, when we got to the Louvre, although no fighting had commenced, the aspect of affairs was as threatening as it well could be. A large, excited crowd, swaying backwards and forwards as varying rumours inspired them with fear or confidence, and swarming now up, now down the adjoining streets, covered the broad pavement of Rue de Rivoli, while the road was filled with battalions of the National Guard. Were these *bons* or *méchants*? It was a delicate question to ask without knowing the sentiments of the gentlemen whom you asked it. I mounted on the base of one of the buttresses that support the arcade, and getting thus a view over the heads saw a sight that by no means reassured me. Immediately in front of me were two pieces of artillery, manned by a motley crew of National Guards and regulars. A sailor with an axe in his hand sat upon one of the gun carriages; the pieces were already loaded; I heard afterwards they had been loaded on the ground in full face of the men they were brought down to overawe.

Away to the left, conspicuous on horseback, were three of four Garibaldians in red shirts and red caps of liberty. One of them wore a long waving plume in his cap. Another had covered his cap with peacock's feathers. Their faces were in strict keeping with this wild costume. They looked just the sort of reckless devil-me-care fellows, cut out for a street row, or, indeed, any sort of row.

With such leaders at its head, what mad mischief might not the armed mob of a great capital do? ...

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## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BLAIRPINE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Holiday Inn, 3 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6NE on Wednesday 11th April 1990 at 11.00 am. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Steet, London, W1X 3FE, between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m on Monday 9th April 1990 and Tuesday 10th April 1990.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 10th April 1990. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Craig Stephen Landau, Director
21st March 1990

COMPANY NUMBER 243864
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RW LEEDALE AND COMPANY (DONCASTER)
Passed 15th March 1990
At an extraordinary general meeting of RW Leedale and Company (Doncaster) held at Broad Acres, Hatfield Doncaster on 15 March 1990 the following special resolution was passed.
"That the company be wound up by way of a members' voluntary liquidation) and that RJ Rees of Price Waterhouse be and is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up"
Chairman of the Meeting
RAW ALCOCK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANY:
RW LEEDALE AND COMPANY (DONCASTER) COMPANY NUMBER 243864
On 15 March 1990 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard James Rees of Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator at the above address, by 2 May 1990. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to the creditors and that any creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated this 21 March 1990
Richard James Rees, Liquidator

CASE NO OA 1406/89
An Action has been raised in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court by Mrs Vicia Dodarata Bell or Chestnut calling as a defender Charles Chestnut whose last known address was 63 Alveston Avenue, Kenton, Middlesex. If the said Charles Chestnut wishes to defend the Action or to make any claim therein he should immediately contact The Sheriff Clerk at St Marnock Street, Kilmarnock from whom he may obtain the Service Copy Initial Writ.
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MATCHMAKER TENNIS COURTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU on the 30th day of March 1990 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, on the two business days falling next before the Meeting, at 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU.
Dated this 8th day of March 1990
By Order of the Board
Richard Summerfield, Director

DUNSTABLE TIMBER SUPPLIES LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington F.I.P.A. of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 20th March 1990 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 22nd March 1990
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

RYEDYNE LIMITED
I, Jamie Taylor F.I.P.A. of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 12th March 1990.
Dated 22nd March 1990
J. Taylor, F.I.P.A., Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF FABCO ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1, on Wednesday 18th April at 12 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 20th day of March 1990
By Order of the Board
D.J. Roberts, Director

## FINANCIAL NOTICES

ROBECO N.V.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on Thursday, 12th April 1990, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruisplein 30, Rotterdam, at 9.30 a.m.
AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1989
3 To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1989
4 To determine the appropriation of the profit
5 To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors:
- Messrs. H.J.E. van Beuningen and H.H. Nauta will resign having reached retirement age.
- Messrs. J.M. Goudswaard and P.A.W. Roef will retire by rotation. It will be proposed to re-elect them
- It will be proposed to appoint Messrs P.C. van den Hoek and C.J. Oort Supervisory Directors.
6. Any other business
Copies of the full agenda and of the Annual Report for 1989 can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC Stock Office Services 3rd Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ.
Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting, should lodge their Share Warrants by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted) for voting purposes) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 3rd Floor 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) in exchange for a receipt, not later than Thursday, 5th April, 1990.
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Service contracts are not entered into with the Directors, who hold office in accordance with the Articles of Association.
BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT
Dated this 27th day of March, 1990
P.O. Box 973
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## FINANCIAL NOTICES

RORENTO N.V.
INFORMATIVE MEETING FOR SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on Thursday 12th April 1990, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen" entrance Kruisplein 30 Rotterdam at 14.30 p.m.
AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To discuss the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1989
3 To discuss the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1989
4 To discuss the appropriation of the profit
5 To discuss the composition of the Board of Supervisory Directors:
- Messrs. H.J.E. van Beuningen and H.H. Nauta will resign having reached retirement age.
- Messrs. J.M. Goudswaard and P.A.W. Roef will retire by rotation. It will be proposed to the General Meeting of Shareholders to re-elect them.
- It will be proposed to appoint Messrs. P.C. van den Hoek and C.J. Oort Supervisory Directors.
6. Any other business

RORENTO N.V.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on Tuesday, 5th June, 1990 at Zeelandia Business Centre, Polarisweg 28, Willemstad, Curacao (Netherlands Antilles), at 10.30 a.m
AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1989
3 To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1989
4 To determine the appropriation of the profit
5 To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors:
- Messrs. H.J.E. van Beuningen and H.H. Nauta will resign having reached retirement age.
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- It will be proposed to appoint Messrs. P.C. van den Hoek and C.J. Oort Supervisory Directors.
6. Any other business
Holders of Share Certificates to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the above stated Meetings, should lodge their Share Certificates by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 3rd Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) as follows: INFORMATIVE MEETING - NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, 5th APRIL, 1990. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY, 29th MAY, 1990, IN EXCHANGE FOR A RECEIPT.
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Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company wishing to attend either or both Meetings or to appoint a proxy in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary Rorento N.V., c/o Aerdenzo B.V., Heer Bokelweg 133, 3032 AD Rotterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than the dates indicated above.
Although proxies may attend, votes will not be cast at the Informative Meeting.
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BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT
Dated this 27th day of March 1990.
ST. MAARTEN

ROLINCO N.V.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on Thursday, 12th April 1990, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruisplein 30, Rotterdam, at 11.45 a.m.
AGENDA
1. Opening
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# THE ARTS

## Sisters and mothers

**TELEVISION**
Sheridan Morley

FOR *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4), Polly Bide and Helena Kennedy had a remarkable film on Sister Elaine Roulet, a Catholic nun in New York who spends much of her time reuniting children with their imprisoned and often murderous mothers. Within Bedford Hills maximum security prison she has set up a family centre. That is all the more impressive, given the brutality of a system where, elsewhere, prison guards sometimes train their guns on visiting children.

No one doubts the guilt of these mothers — indeed one coolly confessed to camera the murder she had committed. But Sister Roulet's point is that they still have small children who need parenting, children who have been known to break into gaol, in an attempt at reunion. Sister Roulet has fought the local Westchester community, which objected to the children of prisoners being moved into the area, and she has now found more than 100 local households willing to put up the kids while they visit their mothers.

All moral judgments apart, it is surely evident that children should not be punished for the sins of their parents. Separation while in prison is just such a punishment. But, in Sister Roulet's view, the stigma of parental imprisonment is somehow lessened by regular contact. Her work ought surely to be examined in some detail by penal reform commissions over here.

On *Panorama* (BBC 1) Ian Smith was looking at the increasing tension between developers and conservationists as the greening of Britain becomes more and more apparent. Not that this is always a good thing: the white cliffs of Dover now appear to be turning green as a direct result of engineers' interference, thereby necessitating not only a rewrite of the Vera Lynn lyric but also serious objections to the Channel Tunnel, which is causing all the trouble.

Conservationists perceive the regionalization of the Nature Conservancy Council as a dastardly governmental attempt to castrate it, and they could well be right. Meanwhile, Magnus Magnusson talks of "healthy creative tension" between developers and preservers. I have started, so I'll finish.

Hermann Prey, making a London Wagner début this week, talks to Barry Millington

## Birdman of Nürnberg

When Hermann Prey takes the Covent Garden stage on Thursday night as the town clerk, Beckmesser, in John Cox's production of Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, he will be rising once again to one of his favourite challenges. The pedantic critic, Beckmesser, who steals the hero Walther's song in an attempt to get the girl, is one of the least lovable characters in opera.

But according to Prey, the traditional way of playing him — as a shambling, imbecilic buffoon — is wrong. "As the *Stadtschreiber*, or town clerk, he would have commanded respect: he is the one professional man among the Masters, the most educated, the only one with Latin." He is also head of the police and therefore the superior of the Nightwatchman, which makes it richly ironic that after the riot, which he has unwittingly provoked by his serenading, he has to hide from the Nightwatchman.

Prey believes that Beckmesser should therefore be played and sung with dignity, and quotes Wagner on the subject. After the first performance in Munich in 1868, Wagner wrote to the Viennese conductor Heinrich Esser, complaining that the singer who had created the part, Gustav Hölzel, had made Beckmesser into a buffoon. He should be as serious as the other Masters: only the situation in which he finds himself makes him appear ridiculous. Prey believes that Beckmesser's romantic infatuation with Eva also makes him act irrationally.

When had Prey evolved this interpretation of Beckmesser? Was it for his famous appearance in the role at Bayreuth in 1982, in Wolfgang Wagner's production? "No, I had it in my mind long before." In the 1960s, he had been singing Wolfram in *Tannhäuser* for Wolfgang's brother Wieland. "One day you will be my Beckmesser," Wieland had said. But Wieland had died in 1966.

Not for another 15 years was Prey invited to Bayreuth to tackle the role. He told Wolfgang Wagner that he wanted to make the character quite different from the traditional caricature.

Did Prey not find a contradiction between such a sympathetic portrayal of the character and the nature of the music Wagner gives him to sing? "It is certainly very difficult to sing, but I try to sing it beautifully, like *Lieder*. For some people, it may be *too* beautiful."

But Wagner is only a small part of Prey's repertory. In particular he is known for his Mozart, and has done all the baritone roles. Which gives him the most pleasure? The answer is a surprise: "Papageno". He has played the amorous bird-catcher all over the world, and is due to do so again this summer. "A 60-year-old Papageno. Not bad, eh?"

He has not been seen at Covent Garden as much as many people would have liked, and not at all, in opera, in recent years. The last production in which he appeared was that of *Die Fledermaus*, first seen in 1977. Prey repeated his Eisenstein in the first couple of revivals, but latterly his place has been taken by Thomas Allen. He has, however, given no fewer than five *Lieder* recitals at Covent Garden, as well as at the Wigmore Hall, the Royal Festival Hall and the Edinburgh Festival.

Was he, then, devoting more of his time to *Lieder* these days? "Yes, I'm doing less opera now. There's another generation of directors and conductors coming up", he adds obliquely, by way of explanation. The idea of the Schubertiade, which he founded in Hohenems, Austria, in 1976, has been taken up elsewhere. In Vienna a similar project is in its sixth year and in New York in its third. Two more are planned, in Würzburg and Japan. In each place, the idea is that Schubert's whole oeuvre — the orchestral and chamber music as well as the songs — is performed in chronological order over a period of 10 years. The beauty of the concept, as Prey enthusiastically points out, is that the music "gets better from year to year", as the master-works of Schubert's maturity are approached.

He clearly has a special affinity with Schubert, who "long ago became the centre of my life", and to prove it he tells a curious anecdote. Thirty years ago, when he first learnt the song-cycle *Winterreise*, he found that, try as he might, he always made the same three mistakes — small matters of rhythm and text-setting. One day, when he was allowed to study the autograph manuscript in the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, he found, to his amazement, that at those same points, Schubert had originally written what he had been singing. He had unconsciously been reproducing Schubert's first thoughts. "I did wonder then if there was some connection between heaven and earth."

● *Performances of* Die Meistersinger *are at the Royal Opera House, Floral St, London WC2 (01-240 1066), opening on Thursday, and then on April 3, 6, 9, 12, 16.*

DONALD COOPER

Hermann Prey in rehearsal on stage at Covent Garden as Beckmesser in *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*

## Dissolving the borders

**WORLD MUSIC**
David Toop

**Ryuichi Sakamoto**
Dominion

"THIS is my first concert in London since YMO days," said Ryuichi Sakamoto, referring to a long-past performance given by his Japanese techno-rock trio, Yellow Magic Orchestra. "I'm a bit nervous," he admitted, "but excited." The audience had some cause to be nervous also, since trans-global musical fusion (an idiom in which Sakamoto is increasingly involved) can fall flat when transferred from the recording studios to the stage.

Sakamoto has discovered heart and feeling, though, and has discarded the role of Japanese technocrat. He calls his music "outer nationalism", a Utopian art without national boundaries, and cheerfully confesses to the personal re-awakening of hippy idealism that this suggests. Aside from the ideals, this was no hippy show. The organization of a musically and technically complex two hours was virtually faultless.

At centre-stage was Youssou N'Dour, the remarkable singer from Senegal, and to one side were two diminutive Okinawan women in kimonos. They compensated for being the smallest musicians on stage by consistently stealing the limelight. This they accomplished by singing raucous, nasal folk melodies, emitting shrill rhythmic whistles and playing plangent-toned Japanese stringed instruments called sanshins.

On the other flank was a hyperactive percussionist, beating numerous noise-makers from Brazil and Africa. These four, with a drummer, bass-guitarist and guitarist, Sakamoto and star session musician Nicky Holland playing keyboards, produced a lush, exotic and hard-hitting sound. At times, N'Dour's crying vocals blended eerily with the keening of the Okinawans and the strange timbres of electronically sampled ethnic instruments. At its most extreme, the cultural range traversed history as well as the globe. While the Okinawans played a repeated folk melody on their sanshins, Sakamoto answered with tragic chords that could have come from the pen of Mahler. The effect was moving and hypnotic.

The greater part of the set was taken from Sakamoto's superb new album, *Beauty*, but for an encore he chose to play his theme for *The Last Emperor*, describing it as one of his best hits.

## Right up at the front

**RECITAL**
Paul Griffiths

**Ixion**
Purcell Room

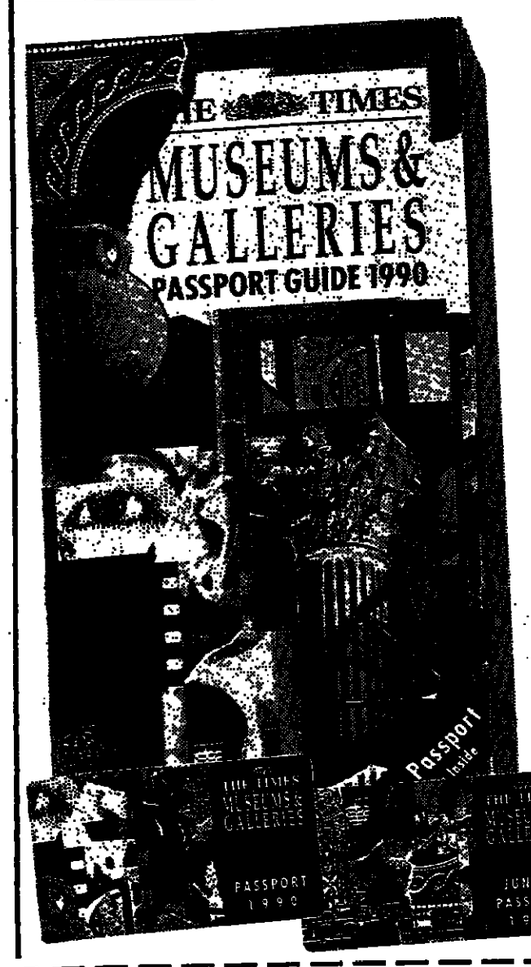
SOON it may no longer be necessary to start every Ixion review by explaining that the ensemble takes its name from a piece by Morton Feldman. In three years, under the directorship of Andrew Toovey, it has gained a distinctive place for itself, an off-off-London Sinfonietta place where music is perpetually *in extremis*.

This South Bank début concert was typically magnetized. On the one hand there were the soft sounds of Feldman's *Durations 2* for cello and piano (in which the durations could have been longer); on the other, there were rampaging armfuls of notes in Michael Finnissy's Piano Concerto No 3 of 1978, an exhilarating piece.

James Clapperton as soloist kept on top with furious and incisive playing to the end, and Finnissy himself, as conductor, won tense, active support from the accompanying sextet. Fiercely imaginative within a single, driven state, ending with a sour, delicious twist, this is altogether a remarkable piece.

The scoring of its accompaniment, for oboe and clarinet, cello and double bass, and two trombones, provided the ensemble for Toovey's new *Adam*, where the subtlety of Finnissy's instrumentation is exchanged for bald oppositions of pairs, often in rudimentary and aggressive gestures. There were calmer moments of much greater accomplishment, sometimes with the woodwinds sliding over one another, but again the antithesis between these and the nasty bits was brutish.

There was also a pretty shocking contrast between the Toovey and the other Ixion member's piece, Clapperton's *The Parliament of Four Futtit Beastis*, which takes its title from Robert Henryson and suggests, in bagpipe-ish doodles for piano, oboe and cello, what Satie might have done if he had gone back to discover his roots.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## Sacrifice of play for stars

**THEATRE**
Diane Hill

**Quelque Part dans cette vie**
Les Bouffes Parisiens

Jane Birkin: halting French

LIFTING a play out of one language into another can be done by faithful translation, skilful adaptation, or unabashed re-creation. Jean-Loup Dabadie opts for re-creation in his handling of *Park Your Car in Harvard Yard*, a two-hander by the American contemporary playwright Israel Horovitz.

Reworked and directed as *Quelque Part dans cette vie* (*Somewhere in This Life*), by Dabadie — who is better known as a writer of songs, sketches and film-scripts — this hard-baked, *Angst*-laden slice of Uncle Sam becomes a mid-Atlantic, sentimental round of tea-time bread-and-butter on which to spread the jam of having the illustrious Pierre Dux and the ingenuous Jane Birkin on stage together.

Like much of Horovitz's work, *Park Your Car in Harvard Yard* (the title is the American equivalent of the elocution jingle "The rain in Spain") takes an unblinking look at 20th-century social problems. The message is that learning opens the doors to the good life, while being deprived of it leaves one forever looking through the keyhole.

Jacob Brackish is a retired teacher whose forte during his working life was awarding zero marks to those he considered to be intellectual riff-raff, in order to scotch their university chances. After receiving a zero, Kathleen Hogan becomes his live-in housekeeper, seeking vengeance.

Dabadie's excessively clever dialogue banters over the play's dramatic depths. The glib one-liners raise laughs, but reduce Horovitz's savagely drawn characters to pasteboard cutouts. The story unfolds not as a series of emotional tableaux, but as a concertina of stilted images.

His direction, too, is a curious sort of pop-up theatre. The two characters take up positions around the stage without much structured movement in between. There is a strong impression that Dux and Birkin have been left to their own devices, though the roles have been tailored to fit them like gloves, and in this respect Dabadie's verbal handicraft is *haute couture*.

Horovitz's hard-bitten school-teacher and vicious ex-student disappear, leaving the stage to Dux (one of France's most respected *hommes du théâtre*) and the English film actress Birkin, who has lived in France since her début in Richard Lester's *The Knack*, and whose simplicity, charm and halting French have made her a regular on television chat-shows.

Dux's professionalism, experience and dramatic presence give the production the backbone it would otherwise lack. Birkin, hesitant and unsure at first, draws courage from Dux to fill out and exist in her own right within Dabadie's street-wise yet gauche character, until it is hard to know where the actress ends and the acting begins.

Yet these two perfectly attuned performances beg the question: was it necessary to sacrifice the guts of Horovitz's play in order to achieve them?

## Lies a-mouldering?

Alasdair Cameron

**John Brown's Body**
Tramway, Glasgow

IT IS only after reading John McGrath's programme notes that his purpose in creating *John Brown's Body*, a musical march through the past 200 years of Scottish labour history, becomes clear. It is to show us that there is still a need for socialism.

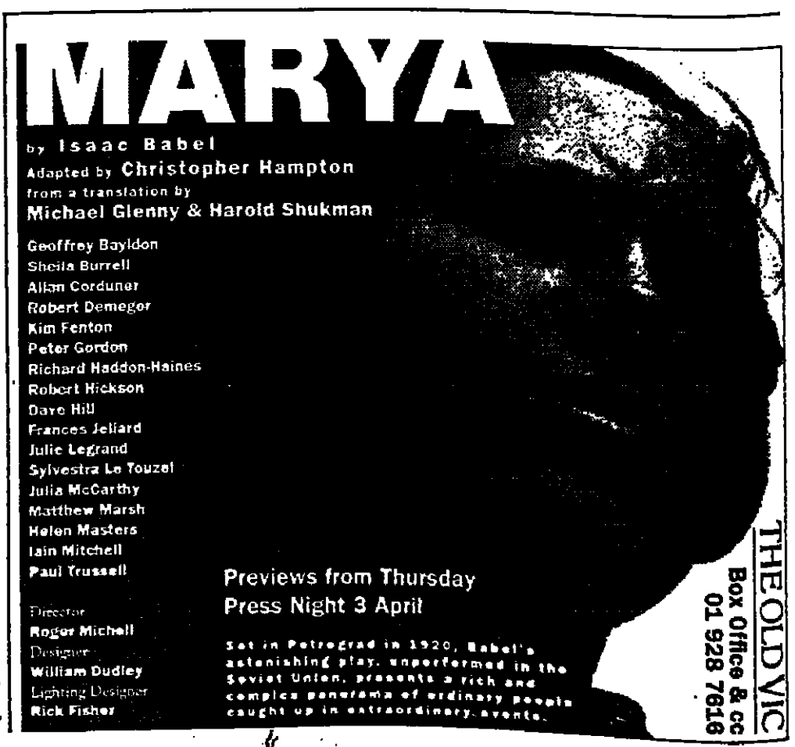
In the play, however, this is far from obvious. In fact, since it begins in a green and pleasant pre-industrial "merrie Scotland" where the women are washing their blankets in a stream, and ends with a denunciation of late 20th-century consumerism, the prevailing message seems to be essentially Luddite.

This is only one of a number of contradictory messages. Although McGrath again makes the right noises in the programme about the mistakes of the communists in Eastern Europe, in an unchallenged meditation a WRAF officer wonders if Britain shouldn't be run like Stalin's Soviet Union. The idea lies dormant for a while and then returns when a caricatured Lech Walesa is used to lambast the Poles for embracing the American multinationals. There is no attempt to ask why, just the blanket assurance that it is a bad thing. The motto seems to be: "If you see a difficult question, raise it and run". This sense that he is dodging major issues is further heightened by McGrath's Olympian disdain for every form of socialism except, one assumes, his own. The play therefore has a decidedly pessimistic and hopeless end, which seems to hint at a dangerous power vacuum in which the working class can trust nobody.

But the essential problem is that the jolly format of songs interspersed with Dave Anderson's lovable clown routine as the "Lumpen Proletariat" means nothing can be examined properly. At the heart of *John Brown's Body* there are exciting ideas about the growth of modern industrial society. Though a 30-minute, rather recherché examination of 19th-century forms of punishment does pall, it is infinitely more interesting than the caricatured parade of Tories and class traitors which goes before and after.

The staging of the show, borrowed in equal measure from Ariane Mnouchkine's *1789*, *Starlight Express* and *Les Misérables*, is interesting, although the audience risk cricking their necks. The music, apart from a couple of awful sub-Weill songs is excellent, sung and played with a conviction that is lacking in some of the acting.

But it is about time McGrath stopped concentrating on making his good nights out even better and went back to challenging us and making us think.

# THE ARTS

In advance of the contemporary art fair *Art London 90*, **Adrian Dannatt** offers collectors financial rather than aesthetic advice

# What price taste when buying art?

Trust your own taste and only buy art works that you really like? Wrong. The standard advice to anyone about to plunge into the contemporary art market is severely out of date. If you want to buy art as an investment, an object of financial as well as aesthetic appreciation, then you would probably be wise to forget all about your own taste.

If, on the other hand, you are repelled by the idea of buying art as a commodity — as just another, smart product — then you understand very little about the contemporary art market. In which case, you would be well advised to steer clear of shark-infested seas.

In theory, populist gatherings such as Art London 90 — the fifth International Contemporary Art Fair, opening at Olympia this Thursday — are intended to do away with the snobbishness associated with buying art. Sponsored by British Airways and clearly aimed at those with money to spare but not necessarily any experience of buying art, the fair will exhibit more than 1,200 artists, whose works bear price-tags from £50 to £500,000. Here you will find every kind of gallery, hawking every imaginable shape and style, from photo-realistic paintings of trucks to the most minimal sculptures. But the deliciously arcane codes of the international avant-garde still apply, and a serious collector is obliged to follow them. Contemporary art is both expensive and élitist.

The sharp end of contemporary art is a confusing, intellectually complex place. Real collectors, with more art than they could ever display even in a Tuscan villa or SoHo loft, know everything that is happening, and understand latest developments in critical thinking and cultural production. They tour galleries and skim through every glossy art magazine. They know what, in American parlance, is "hot" and what is not. No auction price or bad review goes unrecorded.

For the rest of us, a few guidelines, crassly simplistic though they will seem to the connoisseurs: never buy cheap, never buy figurative, and avoid paintings done on canvas. Paintings are not really very "now", and the collector's skill depends on acute judgements of precisely when "then" becomes "now" and *vice versa*.

What is unmistakably fashionable is the cult of objects: artefacts that hover between self-conscious sculptures and everyday appliances, between the *objet trouvé* and the carefully crafted. If you have to ask yourself the question "Is it art?", it is worth investing in.

For sure returns, another good policy is only to buy American. Manhattan artists have far higher status, deserved or not, than London counterparts in the same field. Chauvinism, and inverted chauvinism, play a big role in contemporary art.

Cologne and FIAC in Paris are among the most important art fairs, and have recently been joined by ARCO in Madrid. Although 120 galleries from 16 countries will be exhibiting at *Art London 90*, this fair is not among the biggest players. Nevertheless, there will be interesting trends to be spotted at Olympia.

A gallery such as Salama-Caro (which is relatively new to Cork Street), is among the few which will be showing younger British artists — but its prices reflect the location. However, there are some bright, small galleries which have all the requisite international contacts — reciprocal arrangements with New York or Cologne, for instance — and are not afraid to deal in bold, complex, and often controversial young artists.

Interim Art is the ideal gallery for a new, young collector interested in contemporary work, who enjoys the challenge of the difficult and whose budget stretches from £500 (below which the object is probably not worth buying) to a few thousand pounds — which rules out more established artists. Run by Maureen Paley, quintessential New Yorker in exile, Interim has a spicy roster of the more conceptually-minded international artists. It is, moreover, particularly strong on "artists' multiples", pieces made in small editions — a Warhol-like concept with a decidedly high investment appeal.

Consider the case of Jenny Holzer, an extremely hot American artist who deals with subverted forms of public proclamation: official pronouncements or advertising jargon short-circuited upon itself. A year ago at Interim Art you could have bought a simple black aluminium plaque, with one of her fake clichés stamped upon it (such as "It is embarrassing to be caught and killed for stupid reasons"), in an edition of ten for £550.

Since then, however, she has had a one-woman show at the Guggenheim in New York, been chosen as sole representative of American art at the Venice Biennale, and starred in the latest film by Dennis Hopper, a collector of her work. At a Sotheby's auction last month, the same plaques were selling for £2,100. A multiple, by definition, is not unique, but it is usually rarer and more important than an etching or any type of print, few of which appreciate sufficiently to be worth buying as an investment.

Interim also represents the promising British artist Angela Bulloch, who uses what look like early-1970s lighting fixtures to build her own mysterious and atmospheric installations. Also interesting is the young British art team, Langlands & Bell, who make elegant, beautifully crafted pieces, often on the theme of architectural plans and their coded, ideological meaning. For example, their "Air Routes of North West Europe (Night and Day)", in an edition of five, look at first like austere abstraction. But when you see how they represent night and day routes, they call into question our aesthetic value-judgements: the way we assume some signs to be art and others commerce, how we daily confuse abstraction and representation.

The whole point of an Art Fair is that one should feel free to buy that little still-life etching by an unknown Swedish student. The point of contemporary art collecting is that one should feel obliged to buy that mysterious supermarket object by a New York Superstar. One may be prettier, the other more profitable: the choice is yours.

● Art London 90 *is at London Olympia from Thursday, March 29 to April 1, open 11am-8pm each day.*

**Abstract wins points but canvas does not: "Configuration", by Frank Avray Wilson at *Art London 90*, is not fashionable at the moment**

**Not only on canvas, but figurative, so doubly unfashionable: Cameron Galt's "Vanity", shown by Houldsworth Fine Art at *Art London 90***

# Vintage tribute

**VARIETY**
Sheridan Morley

**Cook's Tour**
**Shaftesbury**

THE LATE Ray Cook was less famous than he should have been. The Australian pianist, conductor and arranger worked on more than 40 West End musicals between his arrival here in 1960 and his death last year. *Cook's Tour* at the Shaftesbury was a remarkable memorial to his talents.

It was also the first production by West End Cares, an organization of London theatre workers dedicated to raising money for Aids charities. Around £60,000 was earned overnight in Cook's name by a gala which vastly improved on the usual run of thrown-together Sunday charity concerts. Too often the good cause is the only good thing around.

But *Cook's Tour* reunited Angela Lansbury with Bea Arthur (from *Golden Girls*) to celebrate the *Mame* they first sang on Broadway two decades ago. It also allowed Liz Robertson to sing numbers from the *King and I* she has been touring with Nureyev, and Evelyn Laye to win a standing ovation merely by walking downstage as the one singular sensation from *Chorus Line*.

This was a celebration of British and American musical theatre at its greatest. But it was also a poignant reminder of the talents being lost through sudden death and the general evanescence of the old style big-band show. The ghosts of Bob Fosse, Michael Bennett, Gower Champion and Alan Jay Lerner were all around the Shaftesbury on Sunday night, as were some of their greatest shows. *Cook's Tour* brought back not only the scores that seem to be in constant revival — *My Fair Lady, Sweet Charity, Oklahoma!* — but also those that we have unwisely allowed to fall into disuse: *Pippin, Sail Away, Oh What a Lovely War!*

From Maria Friedman's breathtaking "I Happen to Like New York" to the veteran Elisabeth Welch in the title song from *Pippin*, this was a vintage evening. Even its ending, with two small children singing "Tomorrow" in what could have been the most appallingly sentimental of clichés, became in the context of West End Cares a moment of heartbreaking optimism.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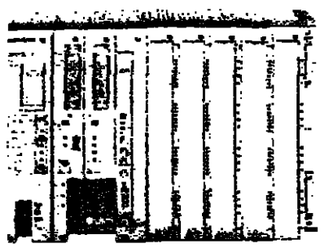

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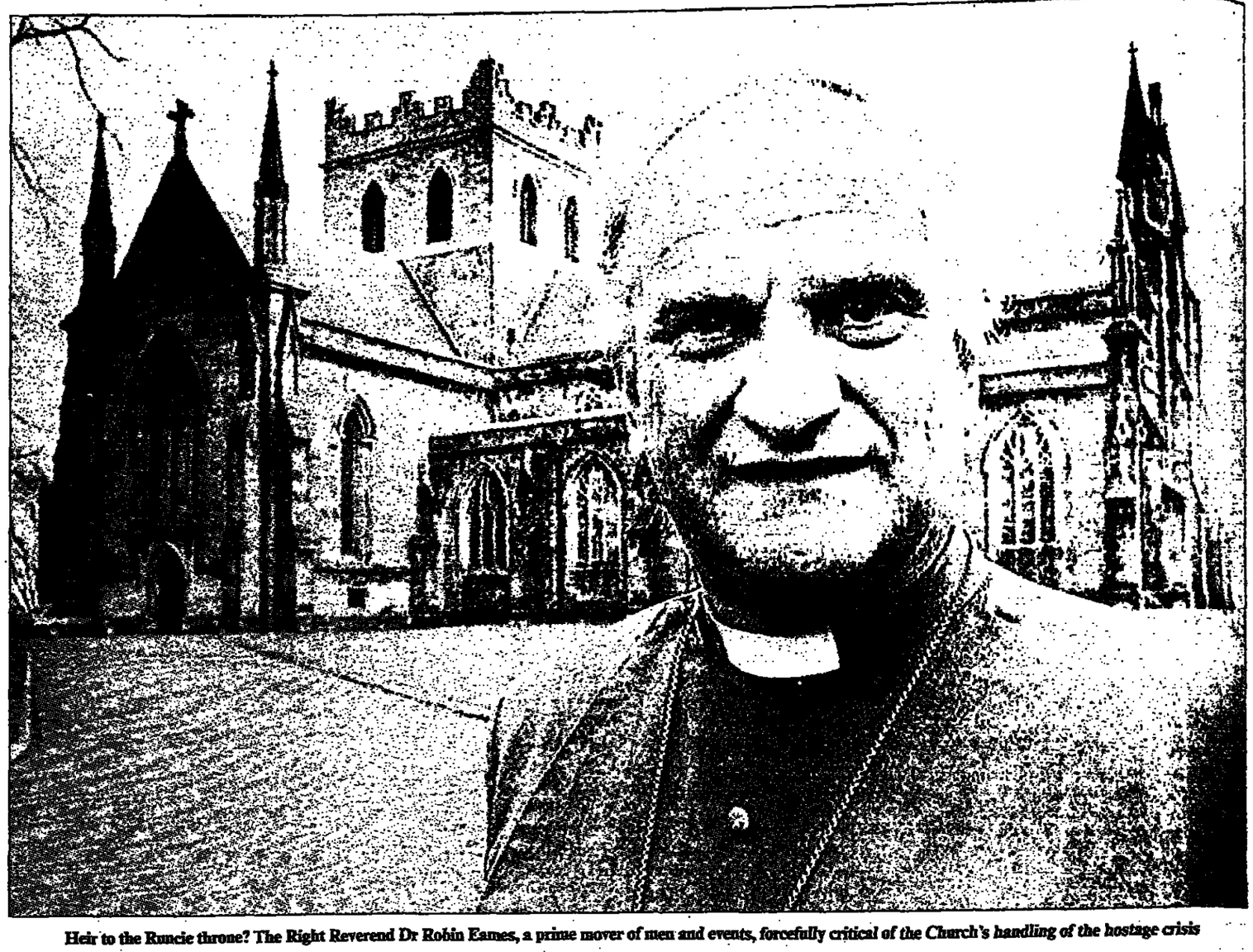
# Enter the muscular Christian

**Dr Robin Eames, the Archbishop of Armagh, is a front-runner for the See of Canterbury. But how would the Church react to his dynamic and masterful style? George Hill reports**



CRISPIN RODWELL

Heir to the Runcie throne? The Right Reverend Dr Robin Eames, a prime mover of men and events, forcefully critical of the Church's handling of the hostage crisis

Some archbishops are as wise as serpents, and some as harmless as doves; only a few succeed in being both, as Christ recommended. The retiring incumbent of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is manifestly a dove, though there may be reservations in Downing Street about how far he has been harmless.

The prelate most prominently tipped to succeed him, in what is a very open field, is a man of a very different mark, definitely serpent rather than dove. This may endear him more to Mrs Thatcher, who will, in effect, have the final say in the appointment, than to the churchmen who will pick the short-list of names she will choose from.

The Right Reverend Dr Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh, has for years moved expertly in a world of subtle diplomacy among the embattled factions that have an interest in Northern Ireland. Some who have watched his activities closely in recent years have also gained an impression of competitiveness and personal ambition. His private view of the way Dr Runcie has handled the agonizingly difficult problem of the Lebanon hostages is said to be highly critical.

As one close observer of Irish bishops has put it: "He is not a man dogged by dogma" – adding that it was difficult to distinguish the churchman in him from the politician, the bureaucrat and the diplomat.

Only a rather unworldly observer would suppose that a drive to reach the top, and thereby to maximize one's ability to do good, is necessarily a disqualification for the highest office in the Anglican Church. But, being what it is, the Anglican Church may well feel uneasy at the prospect of finding a dynamic and masterful archbishop at its head. In Aesop's fable, the frogs asked Zeus to choose them a king, and he threw a log into their pond. Finding their new ruler boring, they petitioned for a more exciting sovereign. Zeus sent a stork, who soon made them wish the log was king again. By history and temperament, the Church tends to be more comfortable with King Log than King Stork.

There is a sharp contrast in manner and style between the two men. Runcie has a diffident, anguished air, and manifestly took scant pleasure in the prominence his office brought him. He credibly professes to be looking forward after retirement to the trivial round, the common task and the 20 black Berkshire pigs which, Emsworth-like, he has reared down in the country. In fact, there is more steel in his composition than he allows to show.

Dr Eames is a forceful mover of men and events, and is not recorded to feel impelled towards the washing up or the pigsty. He is a rugby man, and on summer weekends he is out of canonicals into oilskins as often as he can manage, sailing to win in his high-performance 30ft cruiser-racer on Strangford Lough in County Down. Bellowing "Starboard!" through the rain-squalls, he is the epitome of muscular Christianity.

Dr Eames has found himself much in the limelight in recent years, and has shown every sign of enjoying it. He became Anglican Primate of All Ireland in 1986, and has interpreted his role much as one of mediator between communities and politicians. He knows Margaret Thatcher fairly well, and Charles Haughey rather better. He has the ear of the chief constable, the cardinal, and the SDLP, and his contacts with the Orange Lodges are close.

The qualities of the dove must in some measure be an essential qualification for such a role, and the pastoral requirements have at times been harrowing. He has buried scores of victims of sectarian violence, and in 1987 he had to help families of victims of the Enniskillen bombing as they identified the shattered remains of their loved ones. He has written a book about the problem of suffering.

In 1988, Dr Runcie appointed him chairman of an international commission in the Anglican Communion on the ordination of women. This key role in the most acute debate within the Church today guaranteed him a high profile on the national, as well as the provincial stage. By general consent, he has played the dove to some effect here, too, by leading the commission towards a set of proposals which are likely to prove acceptable to most parties.

Limelight is unavoidable in these roles. But it is whispered that he has backed into it with more gusto than is altogether befitting. Some journalists in Northern Ireland believe that they detect a thinly disguised strategy to promote his claims to the top job. He takes his public image, as portrayed in the newspapers, very seriously indeed.

Last week Dr Eames gave an interview to a local news radio station in Ulster, in which he flirted with the possibility of glory in an almost Heseltinian way. He was speaking before Dr Runcie had announced his retirement, but very much as a publicly tipped member of the bunch of front-runners in a contest that was sure to take place within two years, before Dr Runcie reached the age of compulsory retirement.

Asked about his feelings about a possible preferment to Canterbury, he replied: "It is not possible for anyone to say they would welcome or not welcome any challenge. You have to acknowledge when you are ordained in the Church that you have to look at every challenge given to you and say: 'Is that what you think God is asking you to do?'."

The interviewer asked him about reports that he is highly regarded in Downing Street. "As far as the Prime Minister is concerned, she has shown at times, I think, a willingness to listen to anything that I have had to say, as she has listened to so many other people," he replied. "I find that what people say (is) that she seems to acknowledge some of the things I have said and done – well, I hope she listens to them."

A hint at what sort of new broom he might prove to be at Lambeth may be gained from a report of a source close to him about his private view of the way the Runcie administration has handled the problem of Terry Waite and the other hostages in the Middle East.

He is said to have been critical in his comments. He felt that basic lines of inquiry had been followed up too weakly in the months following the kidnapping of Terry Waite, and that the episode showed signs of hesitancy. Underlying his comments, it is said, was a clear assumption that given the chance, he would adopt a more upbeat and possibly interventionist strategy to bring the hostages home.

His Ulster experience perhaps gives him claims to feel that he understands the psychology of the gunmen better than Dr Runcie. He has had great experience at working behind the scenes to bring people together across the divide of tribal enmity.

But the suggestion of an eagerness to set about knocking heads together and sorting the terrorists out is likely to strike a pang of dread in the dovecotes of the Church of England. The Anglican Church is a structure which has designed itself with a multiplicity of checks and balances, to the point where every interest-group can be confident that though it may never get its own way, it can ensure in perpetuity that its opponents never do.

He happens to have one further characteristic which may intensify the pang of dread. He is only 52 years old, which is young for the See of Canterbury. Dr Runcie was aged 59 when he was enthroned, and most of the other serious contenders this time round are in their late fifties or early sixties. It is not so much the prospect of an archbishop too young to give due weight to the office that may create fear (it is one of Dr Eames's strengths, in fact, that he is an excellent performer on television), as the prospect that an archbishop aged 52 would have up to 18 years ahead of him in the hot seat. A man could do much with his hands on the levers of power for so long a period. Barring illness, Mrs Thatcher could be choosing an archbishop well into the next century.

Mrs Thatcher may not be at all averse to the prospect of a strong Archbishop. But the selection is not entirely in her hands. She can only choose between the names on a short-list of two submitted to her by a commission of churchmen. She could reject both and hold out for the candidate she prefers, at the cost of a considerable fuss reopening the whole vexed question of the relationship between the Church and the secular power.

In practice, the name of Dr Eames will be quite difficult to keep off the short-list whatever body of opposition there is in the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury is head not only of the Anglican Church but also of the whole Anglican Communion of 60 million souls.

It would be diplomatic to acknowledge this fact by short-listing a bishop from outside England, but there are many candidates who would have difficulty in taking the necessary oath of loyalty to the British Crown. Eames, as a contender who is British but not English, will have strong claims to a place on the list.

If he is there, even in second place, the Prime Minister will be free to consider whether or not she would like to provide the Church with King Stork.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TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

# Tournament of the Mind

● Round 19, the penultimate round of Tournament of the Mind, is one of the most difficult. Mensa devised the questions to increase in difficulty as the competition progressed. A postal address for entries will be given tomorrow.

● Thousands of readers are playing for £5,000 or, for the school teams, a Hewlett Packard computer. But all who enter the Tournament will receive a certificate. Those who score above a certain level will get personalized certificates in bronze, silver and gold.

## 1 VERBAL

**Two words have been overlapped. Both words have the letters printed in their correct order, but one word reads from left to right, the other reads from right to left. There are also two bogus letters included in the list. What are the two words?**

**N P R I E C T T A E R L E E S V Q O U E N**

## 2 LOGIC

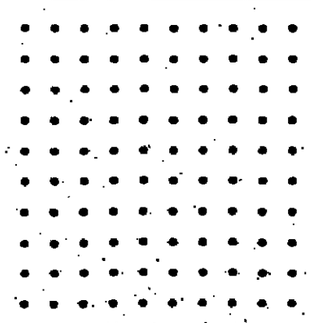
**Your clock was correct at midnight but gains 16 minutes per hour. The clock now shows 2.15pm but it stopped exactly one hour ago. What is the correct time?**

## 3 MATHS

**A snail has crawled up a slope. It covered the following distances; 10 inches, 15 inches, 20 inches and 25 inches in the following respective speeds; 6 inches per hour, 5 inches per hour, 7 inches per hour, and 4 inches per hour. However, the snail slid back over each distance at the respective rates of; 3 inches per hour, 2 inches per hour, 1 inch per hour and 1 inch per hour. How long did it take to cover the total distance?**

## 4 DIAGRAMS

**How many squares can be constructed within this diagram? Each corner of each square must rest on a dot.**



## MISCELLANY

**Which continually active volcano has an altitude of 19,347 feet?**

## ROUND 19 – ANSWERS

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PUZZLES

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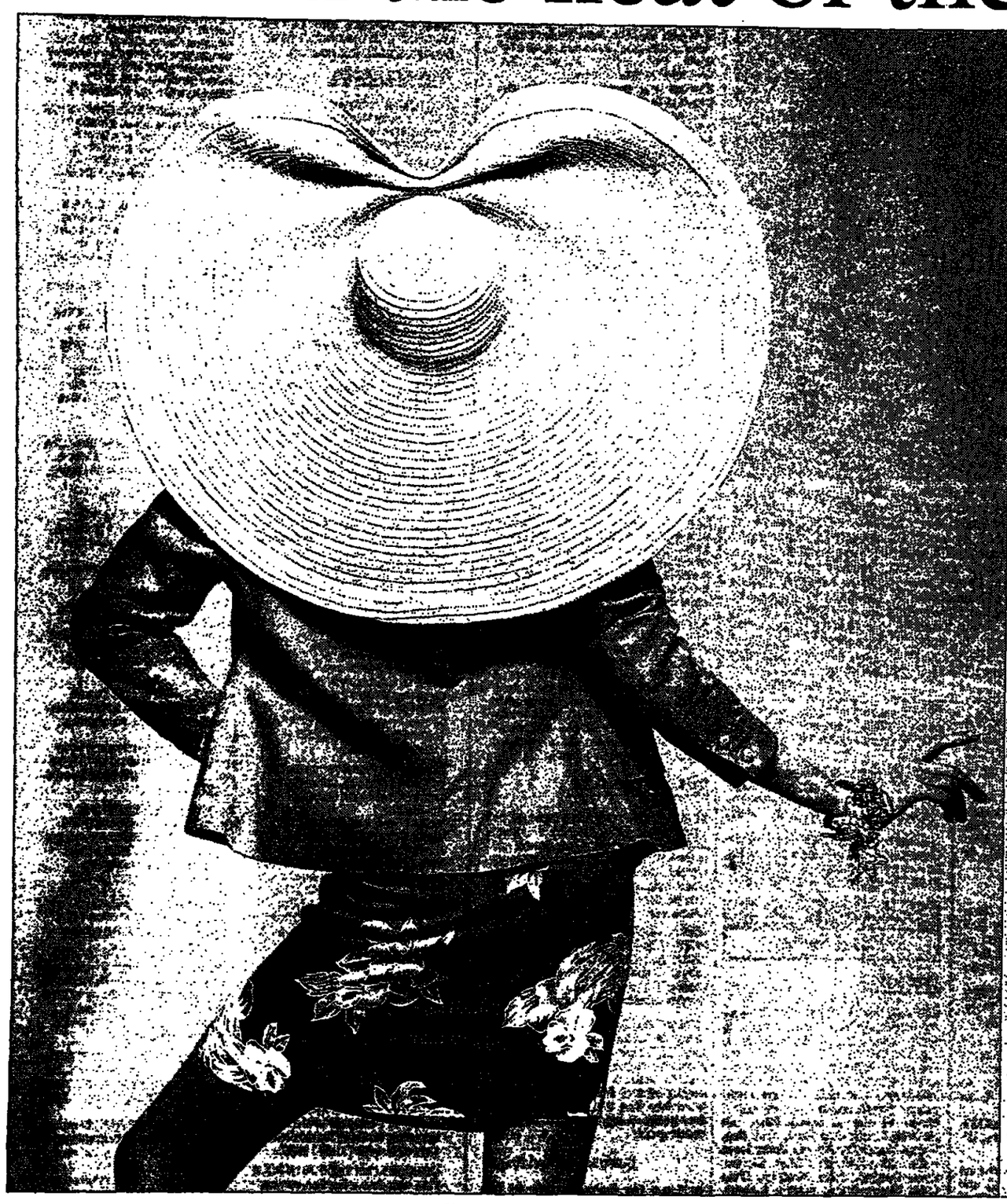
# In the heat of the moment



## It's a jungle out there, complete with parrots, palms and pareos, as a tropical storm of exotic clothes sweeps through the stores

The flower-splashed pareos of *Gauguin's* Tahitian beauties have always held a mesmeric attraction for fashion designers. Exuberant flowers and exotic fauna from his Polynesian paradise have regularly been plundered for *inspiration*.

The uninhibited surge of colour and pattern in the shops this season is clearly Gauguinesque in spirit. Fashion followers can succumb to their sybaritic instincts and escape to a stylish, tropical Eden. Even the languorous glamour of the pareo — simply, for the purposes of everyday clothing, a wrap skirt — is now firmly established as the easy way to disrupt the boring formality of the basic suit.

Palm fronds sway on the new season's swimsuits and matching pareos, while gold fringing takes fashion close to the hula skirt. Hibiscus pink and coral linen jackets slip over skirts that are only a hook and eye and a few cunningly ready-fixed swags away from a Bali Ha'i-style pareo. It is hardly surprising that many stores have felt inspired to plot a course for some far-flung destination as the theme for this season's promotional thrust.

Captain Cook's third voyage to the South Pacific is recorded in a display of engravings in Harrods' Central Hall, while up on the fashion floor the racks of Polynesian sarongs and colourful prints prove that when scouring markets for their "From the Ends of the Earth" promotion, the Harrods team found particular riches in Gauguin's tropical paradise.

Liberty is celebrating the vibrant arts and crafts of Mexico from April 5. Alongside the sort of tin and papier mâché bird-cages and picture frames you might find in an Oaxaca market, there are colourfully embroidered Sunday-best shirts and smocks from Mexico and Guatemala, its neighbour, perfectly in tune with fashion's enthusiasm for the ethnic.

There is even a heady whiff of the exotic in Marks & Spencer, with jungley printed cotton sarong skirts and good-looking chambray shirts with an embroidered bib front, both at £19.99.

*But it is Selfridges* which has set its sails most purposefully in the direction of the South Seas. The whole store is awash in the lush colours of the South Pacific, not just in the vivid blues breaking over coral and sand on the main fashion floor, but with shells, pearls and raffia crafted into jewellery, bags and belts in the *accessories department*. Butler & Wilson's luscious pineapple pin, for example, costs £28, with matching ear clips for the same price and a bracelet at £58.

Parrots, toucans and blue macaws have colonized the china department. Hibiscus, orchids and palms burst in tropical profusion in the flower shop. Fish *vakalola* with tapioca, followed by guava tart, is on the lunch *menu in the restaurant. Only* the swish of surf on silver sand is missing.

*Escada, Yarell* and *Oui Set* are labels to look for when investing in the more tailored "beachcomber" style. Armani's less expensive Mani line includes soft sarong skirts to wear with his classic, muted check jackets with their easy, collarless line.

The tropical mood in fashion can be captured equally well with more classic, and some might say more chic, shades of white and sand. A high-necked, long-line tunic or short-sleeved safari jacket can be buttoned over trousers, the fashionable knee-length shorts, or a soft, silky wrap-over skirt for the new look.

And down in Selfridges' basement, Thomas Cook is even running a competition to win a holiday in Fiji. *Nave nave mahana* — wonderful days.

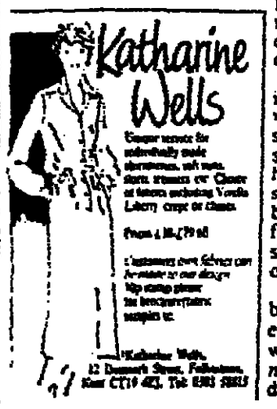
**Above:** Paprika linen jacket, £195, Mani; Gauguin-inspired printed sarong, £78, Yarrell; yellow straw basket, £19.90, Benetton; all Selfridges, W1. Venetian glass earrings, £44.95; metal/bead necklace, £115; coiled bead bracelet, £44.95; raffia bangles from £19.95, Liberty, W1

**Above left:** Hibiscus pink linen jacket, £185, Mondi; pineapple-printed scarlet sarong skirt, £49, La Blanca; cartwheel hat in yellow straw, £29.95; starfish charm bracelet, £295; all Selfridges

**Left:** *Brightly-embroidered Guatemalan shirt in thick cream* cotton, £48, Marilyn Garrow at Liberty. Shorts in printed silk, £82, Nicole Farhi; white straw hat, £10.50, Sandra Phillips; *both Selfridges. Venetian glass earrings*, £195, Liberty

**Far left:** Panther-print swimsuit, £36.95, Exposay; wooden cuffs, from £6; all Selfridges. Raffia hoop earrings, £15.95, Liberty. Grass skirt and raffia *lei* lent by the "Pacific Way" exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8

Make-up by Charlie Duffy. Hair by Ayo for Dobson & Davison. Photographs by CLIVE ARROWSMITH



## HOTLINE

### Softest sell

THE names above the shop fronts along Bond Street have steadily switched in recent years from British to foreign. But last week Ballantyne, the cashmere company, bucked this trend by opening its first store there, smack between Givenchy and Hermès. One of British fashion's spectacular export successes, it flies the flag in the new shop in the classic shape of the British cashmere cardigan, with its traditional grosgrain ribbon binding, fashionably buttoned in gilt.

The cardigans, priced at £220 for cashmere or £75 for superfine merino wool, look irresistible neatly stacked on slate and cherrywood shelves in Ballantyne's spectrum of delicious colours. Displays of smart striped *marniers*, buttoned-tab sweaters and traditional V-necks for men and women transform the shop into a sumptuous cocoon.

Alistair Blair, the Scottish designer recently appointed at Balmain ready-to-wear in Paris, introduced his cashmere collection for Ballantyne. Ronald Miller, head of the Dawson International group, the world's largest cashmere processers whose star performers include Braemar, Pringle, Barrie, Gleunmac and McGeorge as well as Ballantyne, says that price is not an issue. "Cashmere is the diamond of our textile industry," Miller says with pride.

### Guiding lights

WHAT do Princess Margaret, Glenda Jackson, Anita Roddick, Kim Wilde, Clare Short and Sally Oppenheimer have in common? The indelible fashion experience of being buttoned inside the blue shirt and navy skirt of the Girl Guide uniform, complete with scarf and woggle, that has been little changed for 80 years. All are invited to the London fashion show on April 18 when Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders of all shapes and sizes will parade the new uniforms that have taken Jeff Banks and his design team two years to develop. Regional fashion shows will follow.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# PREVIEW

**TODAY Theatre & Cabaret** ● WEDNESDAY **Rock, Jazz & World Music** ● THURSDAY **Opera, Dance & Books** ● FRIDAY **Classical Music** ● MONDAY **Art & Auctions**

**The Times Preview features a different area of the arts each day Monday to Friday, as indicated above, including events in the following seven days. Plus the Cinema Guide**

## THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

### NEW IN LONDON

**ABINGDON SQUARE:** Intense, moving and beautifully performed play by Maria Irene Fornes, first seen in this same production at the Soho Poly: a woman suspended in marriage in the early years of the century. With Annabelle Apsion, Philip Voss and Pearce Quigley.
**National Theatre** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Underground: Waterloo. Previews from tomorrow, 7.30-9.15pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30-9.15pm. Then in repertoire, £8.50.

**BESIDE HERSELF:** Sexual abuse, the how and the why: Sarah Daniels's new play begins with humorous cracks and then comes to the crunch.
**Royal Court**, Sloane Street, SW1 (01-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Previews from Thurs, 8pm. Opens April 4, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat (from April 7), 4pm. Mon £4, Tues-Sat £5-£15, Sat mat £4-£12.

**EDEN:** Black Theatre Season continues with Steve Carter's play, set in 1920s New York where a sophisticated West Indian girl loves a Southern Black boy. Alby James of Temba Theatre directs.
**Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Previews from Fri, 7.30pm. Opens April 2, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm (no perf Fri, April 13). Previews £4.50, from April 2, £6. Until April 14.

**FIGARO GETS DIVORCED:** Horvath's 1936 sequel to Beaumarchais: Figaro, Almaviva and the rest adapt to the Revolution, which Horvath transfers to modern times. British premiere.
**Gate**, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Previews tonight, tomorrow 7.30pm. Opens Thurs 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5. Until April 21.

**LOOK, LOOK:** Stephen Fry, Margaret Courtenay, Robin Bailey in Michael Frayn play about an audience, so maybe the reverse of *Noises Off*, though presumably still funny.
**Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Previews from Fri, 7.45pm. Opens April 17, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm. Previews £4-£13.50, from April 17, £5.50-£16.50.

**THE MISER:** Roy Marsden plays Molière's Harpagon torn, though not for long, between love and money. Mike Alfreds's touring production for Oxford Stage Company in London for three weeks.
**Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Preview tonight 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and April 5, 2.30pm, and April 7 and 14, 2.30pm. Preview £5, from March 28, eves £10, mats £5.

**NEVER THE SINNER:** Joss Ackland plays Clarence Darrow in latest version of the Leopold/Loeb "thrill kill" case. The play comes garlanded with awards from its 1985 Chicago production.
**Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Previews from tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Previews and mats £5-£12.50. From March 29, eves £5-£16.

**THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE:** Paul Nicholas and Bonnie Langford in the G&S swashbuckler given the Broadway once-over.
**London Palladium**, Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Underground: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Mon-Fri £6.50-£18.50, Sat eve £6.50-£20, mats £5-£10. Until June 30.

**VOLPONE:** Ian McDiarmid (as the Fox) and Nicholas Hytner (fresh from directing *Miss Saigon*) renew the partnership that created a superb *Don Carlos* in Manchester two years ago. With Denis Lawson as Mosca.
**Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Previews Thurs-Sat, Mon, 8pm. Opens April 3, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm. Mon £4.50-£6.50, Tues-Sat, eves £8.50-£12.50, mats £5.50-£7.50. Until May 5.

# Not to Stalin's taste

Isaac Babel's reputation rests primarily on his short stories, although this Soviet writer would certainly have left more than his two surviving plays had Stalin not banned his work, sent him to a prison camp and shot him. Marya (previewing from Thursday at the Old Vic) is the work that alerted the authorities to his political unreliability — that is, his urge to show *life as it is and not how despots would* like it to be. The play was in rehearsal in 1934 when the ban was imposed, one reason probably being that the eponymous heroine (who never appears) is the daughter of a Grand Duke. She has joined the Revolution and is away fighting the Poles — the time is 1920 — but her aristocratic blood would have rendered her unfit to be a Soviet heroine. Babel's episodic play requires a large cast and has only once before been staged in this country, at the Royal Court in 1967. And by a curious chance, the day after it opens in the Old Vic, with Sylvestra Le Touzel, Julie Legrand (left and right, respectively, in the photograph above) and Geoffrey Bayldon playing *members of Marya's family, the play will be given its* long-delayed premiere in Moscow. *Marya*, Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SEI (01-928 7616). Previews from Thursday, 7.30pm. Opens April 3 at 7pm. Then Monday to Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. £7-£17.50.

*Jeremy Kingston*

### CONTINUING

**CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAY!:** Revolting housewives take over the supermarket: Patricia Brake and David Roper lead a revival of Dario Fo's anarchist farce.
**Lyric Theatre**, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £7.50-£12.50. Until March 31.

**JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL:** Tom Conti takes over the well-known drunk-about-town locked overnight in his favourite pub. A great show if you're into the company of drunks.
**Apollo Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, Sat mat 5pm, £5-£16.

**MAN OF THE MOMENT:** Michael Gambon and Peter Bowles superb in Ayckbourn's masterly harsh comedy: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol.
**Globe Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £7-£16.50.

**MOSCOW SHADOWS:** Barbara Lott and Josephine Tewson as two Moscow widows trading on the edge of the law, caught up in a murder case.
**New End Theatre**, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Underground: Hampstead. Tues-Sun 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. Tues-Thurs and Sun £6; Fri and Sat eve £6.50; Sat mat £5. Until April 8.

**NOEL AND GERTIE:** Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory Lane.
**Comedy Theatre**, Panton Street, London SW1 (01-930 2578). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm, £5.50-£16.

**SAINT OSCAR:** Stephen Rea plays Wilde reviewing his life with Lord Alfred and St Sebastian in Field Day's production of Terry Eagleton's bold but flawed first play. Ends April 7.
**Hampstead Theatre**, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Underground: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £7, Sat eve £8.

**SHADOWLANDS:** Nigel Hawthorne and Jane Lapotaire in fine and moving play about C.S. Lewis's Indian summer love.
**Queen's Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166/01-439 3849). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4.30pm, £7-£16.50.

**SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE:** Long-anticipated London premiere of Sondheim's 1984 musical inspired by Seurat's painting of a million dots: Philip Quast as George, Maria Friedman as Dot.
**National Theatre** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Underground: Waterloo. Tonight-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.15pm. Eves £9-£20, Wed mats £6-£12, Sat mats £7-£18. In repertoire.

### OUTSIDE LONDON

**BELFAST:** ***Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme.*** First performance in Northern Ireland of Frank McGuinness's intensely moving play set in the weeks, days, minutes before the First World War battle.
**Lyric**, Ridgeway Street (0232 381081). Preview tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm. Until May 5.

**BRADFORD:** ***Jubilee.*** Bill Owen and Constance Chapman in touring production of David Storey's play, first seen at the NT, where it was known as *The March on Russia* and received mixed reviews.
**Alhambra**, Morley Street (0274 752000). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £6-£11. Until March 31.

**MANCHESTER:** ***Henry IV*** Richard Harris and Sarah Miles, with Ian Hogg and Harold Innocent, in pre-London tour of Pirandello's masterpiece on madness and reality, for and against. Henry is the Holy Roman Emperor who stood in the snow at Canossa.
**Palace Theatre**, Oxford Street (061 0236 9922). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm, £6.50-£12.50. Until March 31.

**NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA:** ***The Winter's Tale.*** (See Whitehaven for comment)
**Newbiggin Sports Centre**, Woodhorn Road (0670 814444). Fri, Sat, Mon, 7.30pm, mat Mon 1.30pm, £5.

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:** ***The Last Days of Don Juan.*** Linus Roache in new version of *El Burlado de Sevilla*, Tirso de Molina's 1630 drama which first set the Don among the ladies.
**Swan Theatre** (0789 295623). Previews from tomorrow 7.30pm, mat Sat 1.30pm. Opens April 5, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 1.30pm. After April 14 in repertoire. Previews £8-£14, from April 5, £9-£19.

**WHITEHAVEN:** ***The Winter's Tale.*** Manchester's Royal Exchange Mobile Theatre here for three days with Phyllida Lloyd's sizzling production.
**Whitehaven Sports Centre**, Flatt Walks (0946 695666). Today and tomorrow 7.30pm, mat today 1.30pm, £7.50, mat £4.50.

**YORK:** ***Henceforward.*** Simon Ward and Janet Kay in Ayckbourn's grimly funny play of the future where a composer's needs are served by an all too willing robot.
***Theatre Royal**, St Leonard's Place* (0904 623568). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £6.50-£9.50, Wed mat £3.50. Until March 31.

## CABARET

Carol Sarler

### LONDON

**NOTHING LIKE A ROYAL SHOW**, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (01-985 2424). Sun: Doors 6.30pm, show 7.30pm, £15 to £25. In aid of the Entertainment Artists Benevolent Fund — and to be filmed by LWT — Jools Holland introduces what feels like the entire cabaret circuit and more: Jeremy Hardy, Simon Fanshawe, Julian Clary, Kit Hollerbach, Hale and Pace, Jack Dee, Patrick Marber, Vic Reeves, Boon, Steve Nallon, John Lenahan, Richard Morton, Steve Coogan, Steve Rawlings, Chris Luby, Simon Drake, Inspiral Carpets, Everyday People, Adeva, Jimmy Somerville, Sam Brown, The Deptford Dance Orchestra and the cast of the West End musical, *Buddy*.

**SUN IN THE GREEN ROOM**, Knights Bar, Holborn Viaduct, EC1 (01-699 2171). Thurs: Doors 8pm, show 8.30pm, £4 (£3.50 concs). Yet another new venue, opening this week in promising style with stand-up from **Michael Redmond** and **Maria Callous** and music from Flying Picket Gary Howard; Tim Berrington is the compere.

**BISCUIT TIN COMEDY CIRCUS**, The Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham (01-751 4984). Thurs: Doors 7.30pm, show 9pm, £4 (£3 concs). Outstanding comedian **Kevin Day** presents a special solo show (stronglyrecommended) with support coming from Bernardine Corrigan, David Jacobs in the open spot and Peter Buckley as compere.

**STAND UP FOR THE OVAL**, Jongleurs at The Cornet, 49 Lavender Gardens, SW11 (01-780 1151). Thurs: 7.30pm, £8 (£7 concs). A top-notch line-up get together in a special benefit for Oval House — the South London Arts Centre threatened by post-ILEA financial cuts. **Arthur Smith introduces Simon Fanshawe, Sweeney and Steen, Jenny Eclair, The Oblivion Boy, John Hegley** *and* **the Popticians, KJB** *(with* **Josie Lawrence***)* and **Mark Thomas**.

**BEAT THE POLL TAX BLUES!**, Swiss Cottage Community Centre, 19 Winchester Road, NW3. Fri: Doors 7.30pm, show 8.30pm, £4 (£1.50 concs). **Camden Labour Parties** present another show with a point to make — and making it are Mark Thomas, Julie Balloo, Andy Smart (of The Vicious Boys), Doon, Tim Berrington, Ivor Dembina, with music from Dread Sounds.

**RAGING BULL**, Boulevard Theatre, Walker's Court, W1 (01-664 7036/434 1238). Sat: Doors 9.30pm, show 10pm, £6 (£4 concs). Two extended sets from **Frank Skinner** and **Felix**; support from Maria Callous and the resident compere, stand-up Eddie Izzard.

**AZTEC COMEDY CLUB**, Borderland Restaurant, 47 Westow Street, SE19 (01-771 0885). Sun: 8.30pm, £3.50 (£3 concs). Many comedians try their hand at a one-man show — only a tiny handful can be said to succeed in holding attention for the duration. One such is the markedly talented **Mark Steel**, whose engaging stage personality and razor-sharp wit guarantees an evening of consistent interest and quality.

### OUTSIDE LONDON

**READING: READING ARTS CENTRE**, 21 South Street (0734 504911). Fri: 8pm, £4.50 (£3.50 concs). **Mark Hurst** has dropped his silly name of Mark Miwurdz without dropping an ounce of his remarkable talent; here he shares a bill with the very funny comic magician **Otiz Cannelloni**.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: OLD TOWN HALL ARTS CENTRE**, High Street (0442 42827). Sat: 8.30pm, £6. **Mark Hurst** (see above) in another long set — this time sharing the honours with the warmly likeable comedienne Brenda Gilhooly.

**LUTON: 33 ARTS CENTRE**, 33-35 Guildford Road (0582 419584). Sat: 8pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concs). **The People Show**, renowned for the quirky, the outrageous and the totally original, have devised a special cabaret show for this venue... More than that, they're not telling, but their pedigree suggests it will be worth checking out.

Compiled by Karl Knight

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## TELEVISION TOP 10

**National top 10 programmes in the week ending: 18th March 1990**

**BBC1**
1 Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17:36) 18.48m
2 Neighbours (Thurs 13:30/17:36) 17.40m
3 Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:36) 17.30m
4 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 17.28m
5 Neighbours (Mon 13:30/17:37) 16.89m
6 EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 16.67m
7 Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17:36) 16.55m
8 Bergerac 12.41m
9 Antiques Roadshow 12.16m
10 Brush Strokes 11.71m

**ITV**
1 Coronation Street (Mon/Wed) 19.52m
2 Coronation Street (Wed/Sat) 19.38m
3 Coronation Street (Fri/Sat) 17 89m
4 Wish You Were Here (Mon/Thurs) 13.77m
5 Strike it Lucky 13.38m
6 The Bill (Thurs/Fri) 13.29m
7 This is Your Life 13.09m
8 Home & Away (Wed 12:30/17:11) 12.56m
9 The Bill (Tues/Fri) 12.54m
10 Home & Away (Thurs 12:31/17:11) 12.53m

**BBC2**
1 Executioner's Song 5.18m
2 French and Saunders 5.06m
3 Food and Drink (Tues/Fri) 5.02m
4 Horizon (Mon/Thurs) 4.7m
5 Carry on Regardless 4.12m
6 Quantum Leap 4.02m
7 Lorelei 3.84m
8 One of Our Spies is Missing 3.48m
9 Saturday Night Clive 3.43m
10 Land of the Eagle 3.39m

**Channel 4**
1 Brookside (Wed/Sat) 5.22m
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 4.38m
3 Desmond's 3.87m
4 Cheers 3.62m
5 Countdown (Tues 16:29) 3.57m
6 Growing Pains 3.27m
7 Countdown (Fri 16:30) 3.25m
8 Countdown (Thurs 16:29) 3.24m
9 Countdown (Wed 16:29) 3.17m
10 Crystal Maze 3.12m

**Breakfast television:** The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes): BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.2m (7.5) TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.6m (12.7)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

## CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

### NEW RELEASES

**ABEL:** Bright Dutch comedy about family tensions from theatre talent Alex van Warmedan.
**ICA Cinema** (01-930 3647).

**A CITY OF SADNESS (15):** Hou Hsiao-hsien's magisterial fresco of life in turbulent post-war Taiwan.
**Renoir** (01-837 8402).

**JUDGMENT IN BERLIN (PG):** Deft but outdated account of a real-life East German defection. Martin Sheen, Sam Wanamaker.
**Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148).

**RUDE AWAKENING (15):** Uneven comedy with a conscience about hard-core hippies confronting the Eighties. Eric Roberts, Cheech Marin.
**Odeon Marble Arch** (01-723 2011).

**STRAPLESS (15):** Dave Hare's intriguing drama about love, betrayal, and political activism. Blair Brown, Bridget Fonda.
**Curzon West End** (01-439 4805).

**TANGO AND CASH (15):** Preposterous thriller with Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell as cops out to ruin crime boss Jack Palance.
**Warner West End** (01-439 0791) **Cannons: Haymarket** (01-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (01-636 0310) **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

### CURRENT

**ALWAYS (PG):** Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of *A Guy Named Joe* with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth.
**Cannons: Baker Street** (01-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324) **Plaza** (01-497 9999).

**BLAZE (15):** Paul Newman as politician Earl Long, defiantly in love with a stripper. Colourful Americana.
**Warner West End** (01-439 0791).

**♦BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18):** Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic.
**Camden Parkway** (01-267 7034) **Cannons: Baker Street** (01-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) **Empire** (01-497 9999) **Gate** (01-727 4043) **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303).

**CELIA (15):** Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in a restrictive society. Striking début by director Ann Turner.
**Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148) **Metro** (01-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644/5).

**CINEMA PARADISO (PG):** Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies.
**Curzon Mayfair** (01-465 8865).

**CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE (12):** Imaginative Scottish version of Manfred Karge's play about unemployed youths finding new hope through fantasy.
**Electric** (in rep) (01-792 2020).

**DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15):** Willy Russell's thin but boisterous comedy-musical set in a Liverpool dance hall.
**Cannons: Chelsea** (01-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148) **Warner** (01-439 0791).

**♦DRIVING MISS DAISY (U):** Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Accomplished, endearing.
**Minema** (01-235 4225) **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366) **Warner** (01-439 0791) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

**ENCOUNTER AT RAVEN'S GATE (15):** Muddled science-fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual effects.
**Prince Charles** (01-437 8181).

**♦ THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15):** Highly diverting fireworks between a blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and two cocktail pianists (Jeff and Beau Bridges).
**Odeons: Haymarket** (01-839 7697) **Kensington** (01-602 6644/5) **Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905) **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

**♦FAMILY BUSINESS:** Curate's egg comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick).
**Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631) **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644/5).

**♦ GLORY (15):** Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances.
**Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861).

**HENRY V (PG):** War-is-hell version from Kenneth Branagh; cinematically drab, variably acted.
**Curzon Phoenix** (01-240 9661).

**♦ HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U):** Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special-effects romp.
**Cannons: Panton Street** (01-930 0631) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

**THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15):** Lorca's play about a widow and her five daughters; fine acting, but tedious cinema.
**Premiere** (01-439 4470).

**JESUS OF MONTREAL (18):** Passion Play trouble in Montreal. Obvious but elegant satire from director Denys Arcand.
**Renoir** (01-837 8402) **Premiere** (01-439 4470).

**♦ RENEGADES (15):** Tough cop and bad boy team to rescue a sacred Indian spear. Lame thriller, starring Kiefer Sutherland.
**Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310).

**♦ SEA OF LOVE (18):** Cop (Al Pacino) and murder suspect (Ellen Barkin) fall in love. Atmospheric, raunchy thriller.
**Cannons: Oxford Street** (01-636 0310) **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) **Plaza** (01-497 9999) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

**♦ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG):** Female gossip and tears Down South. *Overly-sentimental*, though some performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis).
**Odeons: Kensington** (01-602 6644/5) **Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905) **Cannons: Chelsea** (01-352 5096) **Haymarket** (01-839 1527) **Whiteleys** (01-792 3303/3324).

**♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOI! (18):** Gérard Depardieu toys between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
**Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (01-351 3742) **Lumiere** (01-836 0691).

**♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15):** A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.
**Barbican** (01-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (01-267 7034) **Notting Hill Coronet** (01-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01-602 6644/5) **Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905) **Leicester Square** (01-930 6111).

**WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12):** Rough-and-ready black comedy about yuppies trying to hide their boss's demise. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman.
**Odeons: West End** (01-930 5252) **Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905).

**♦ WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15):** Romantic comedy with a brittle touch. Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal.
**Cannon Piccadilly** (01-437 3561) **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644/5) **Warner** (01-439 0791).

### IN REPERTORY

**EVERYMAN** (01-435 1525): Three vintage Raymond Chandler thrillers: *The Big Sleep*, *Farewell My Lovely*, *Lady in the Lake*.

**NATIONAL FILM THEATRE** (01-928 3535): Clair's *Les Grandes Manoeuvres*; Roeg and Cammell's *Performance*; Hitchcock's silent classic *The Lodger*.

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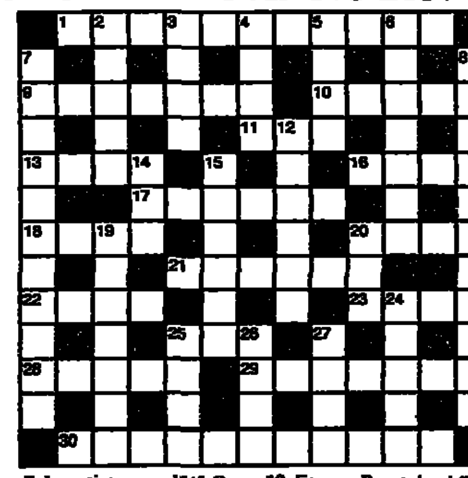

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20 Debacle (4)
21 Cheese dip (6)
22 Urn (4)
23 Desert watercourse (4)
25 Nutty edible fungus (3)
28 Before (5)
29 Bloodless (7)
30 Collective stand (6,5)

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2 Royal Berks racecourse (5)
3 Cute (4)
4 S Africa money unit (4)
5 Chancy (4)
6 Brilliant glass (7)
7 Ingratiate oneself (5,6)
8 Sovereign's male heir (5,6)
12 Shopping passage (6)
14 Also (3)
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## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 22*

**CHEVEN**
(b) The chub, from the French *chevanne*, a fishy name of fishy origin: "Have you no other way to catch a cheven or chub than with a hook and line?"

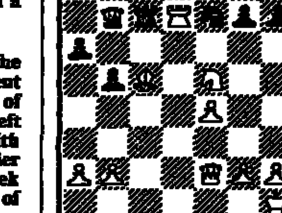
**HIMATION**
(a) An early overcoat, the outer garment of the ancient Greeks, an oblong piece of cloth thrown over the left shoulder, and fastened with a clasp either over or under the right, from the Greek *himation*, diminutive of *heima* a piece of dress: "Clad in the majestic folds of the himation."

**THEOW**
(c) A slave, bondman, thrall, from the Old English *théow* a slave or serf of some kind: "All the civil laws for the protection of theows, or Saxon slaves, appear to have been preceded by, and based upon the Canon law."

**PANDIE**
(c) To cane or strap, from the Latin *pande palmam* or *pande manum* hold out your palm or your hand; Kingsley: "She pandied their hands with canes."

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



This position is from the game Boleslavsky (White) — Dzindzhihashvili (Black), USSR 1967. How can White get at the Black King while it is still caught in the centre? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 ... Qg3+! 2 Rxg3 Nf4 mate.


## ENTERTAINMENTS

### OPERA & BALLET

**COLISEUM** S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tomor 7 30 **THE MIKADO.** Thu 7.30 **THE GAMBLER.**

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE** 240 1066 /1911 Standby info 836 6903 S CC 65 ampm seats avail on the day **THE ROYAL OPERA** Ton't 7 30 **L'elisir d'amore** Last Perf Latecomers not admitted until 8 40 **THE ROYAL BALLET** Tomor 7 30 **The Prince of the Pagodas.**

**SADLER'S WELLS** 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 days 240 7200. **LONDON CITY BALLET** Today - Thurs **LA TRAVIATA the ballet** Eves 7.30.

### THEATRES

**ARTS** 836 2132 cc 379 4444 From £7 50 **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT** "The best Musical in town" Simon Bates BBC Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 6.00 & 8.30

**APOLLO** 01-437 2663 cc 01-379 4444/741 9999 (with bkg fee) 01-240 7200 Grps 01-930 6123 **TOM CONTI** in "The inspired creation of Keith Waterhouse" Ind on Sun **'JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL'** Directed by Ned Sherrin "AN OUTRIGHT WINNER" Evening Standard Mon-Fri 8, Sat 5 & 8.30 Nominated **COMEDY OF THE YEAR** Laurence Olivier Awards

**APOLLO VICTORIA** SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7 45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **SIXTH HIT YEAR! STARLIGHT EXPRESS** Music by **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER** Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK** OAP's £5 on Tues Mats **NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER**

**ALDWYCH** (All bkg 836 6404) **REDUCED PREVIEWS** From **FRIDAY** Evgs 7.45 Sats 5 & 8.30 Opens April 17 7 0 Book Now **STEPHEN FRY ROBIN BAILEY MARGARET COURTENAY GABRIELLE DRAKE SERENA GORDON MICHAEL SIMKINS** in MICHAEL FRAYN'S New Play **LOOK LOOK** Directed by MIKE OCKRENT

**ALBERY** 867 1115 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee)741 9999 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grps 867 1115 **BEST MUSICAL** SWET Award 1983 **WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS** STARRING KIKI DEE "ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp ...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7 45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

**AMBASSADORS** 01 836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES** WINNER OF 6 MAJOR AWARDS!

**ADELPHI** 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/ 379 6433 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO OCTOBER **ME AND MY GIRL** THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7 30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" Sunday Express

**BARBICAN THEATRE** 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 9am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL** Ton't, Tomor 7 30 **THE PIT** Ton't, Tomor 7 30 **SINGER** by Peter Flannery

**CAMBRIDGE THEATRE** Earlham St. WC2 01 379 5299 CC 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Groups 240 7941 **BEST ACTOR IN A MUSICAL BEST MUSICAL** Olivier Award Nominations 1990 **RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET** Shakespeare's Forgotten, Rock-and-Roll Masterpiece "Joy and excitement fill the stage and thrill the theatre" Tms Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.30 Fri at 6.00: All Seats £7.50

**COMEDY** 01-973 0148 cc 839 1438/867 1111/741 9999 or 24hr with bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Grps 930 6123/240 7941. "GLORIOUSLY FUNNY" D.Exp **PATRICIA HODGE SIMON CADELL NOEL & GERTIE** WORDS AND MUSIC BY NOEL COWARD "SOPHISTICATED, SPARKLING, BRILLIANT AND BEGUILING" Sunday Times Mon-Fri 8pm. Wed Mat 3pm Saturday 5pm & 8 15pm Patricia Hodge nominated for "Best Actress in a Musical" Olivier Awards 1990

**DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL** cc (Bkg Fee) 24hr 7 days 379 4444/240 7200 Grp 831 8625 **MISS SAIGON** BEST MUSICAL Eve Std Drama Awards 1989 Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Check daily for returns. A few balcony seats usually avail. Latecomers not admitted until the interval **NOW BOOKING THRU JUNE POSTAL BOOKINGS ONLY**

**DUKE OF YORKS** 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/ 379 4444/741 9999 **COMEDY OF THE YEAR** Olivier Awards 1988 **PAULA WILCOX** In WILLY RUSSELL'S "GEM" **SHIRLEY VALENTINE** Eves 8 Mats Thu 3, Sat 5 "The audience roars approval. Shirley's spell is unbreakable" D Mail "The funniest & the most heartwarming play for years" D M

**FORTUNE** Box Office & cc 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 240 7200 **CHARLES KAY DOMINIC LETTS** Susan Hill's **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt "A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Guardian "MASTERLY" Exp "CHILLING" Ind "GRIPPING" FT "FIRST RATE" Ind "TAKE TRANQUILISERS" T Out SECOND TERRIFYING YEAR! Eves 8 Mats Tues 3 Sat 4 NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

**GARRICK** 01 379 6107 Inc cc no bkg fee All bkg fee 01 497 9977/379 4444/741 9999 **Royal National Theatre Production IAN McKELLEN** (Olivier Award Nom) **BEST ACTOR MICHAEL CASHMAN** in **BENT** by **MARTIN SHERMAN** directed by **SEAN MATHIAS** "erotic and moving" FT "Cries out to be seen" Time Out Eves 8.00 Sat Mat 4.00

**GLOBE THEATRE** BO (CC) 01 437 3667 **"MICHAEL GAMBON and PETER BOWLES ARE SUPERB in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S MASTERLY COMEDY"** Times **MAN OF THE MOMENT** Mon-Fri Eves 7 45 Matinees Wed 3.0 Saturdays 5.0 & 8.30

**HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL** BO 930 9832 CC 497 9977/379 4444/741 9999 Groups 240 7941 **AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV** Tues-Sat Eves 8pm Sun Mats 4pm **STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON**

**HER MAJESTY'S** Enquiries 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD winning MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** PETER KARRIE JILL WASHINGTON ROBERT MEADMORE Iren Barton plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Evgs 7 45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now Bkg Oct 1990 to Mar 1991 **POSTAL APPLICATIONS ONLY**

**LYRIC** Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686 cc (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 / 741 9999 Grps 240 7941 **JERRY HALL SHAUN CASSIDY DAVID HEALY** in **BUS STOP** "WEST END MAGIC" Std "A WINNER" S Corres Mon Thu 8.15 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45

**LONDON PALLADIUM** Box Office cc & groups 01-437 7373. cc's (with bkg fee) 01-379 4444, 01-240 7200, 01-741 9999. Groups 01-930 6123 **OPENS TONIGHT** at 7.30 **PAUL NICHOLAS** and **BONNIE LANGFORD** in the smash hit Broadway musical **THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE** by Gilbert & Sullivan "A rollicking, swashbuckling, delightful show" Evgs 7 30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 **LIMITED SEASON ONLY**

**LYRIC HAMMERSMITH** 01 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 01 836 3464) Evgs 7 45, Wat Wed 2.30, Sat 4.0 **CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAY!** by Dario Fo. Studio 01 741 8701 Evgs 8.0 Mat Sat 3.30 European Stage Co THE VANEK PLAYS by Vaclav Havel.

**MERMAID** 236 5568 cc 379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) **J L CARR'S COMEDY HOW STEEPLE SINDERBY WON THE CUP** "A GEM OF A PLAY" Cdn Eves at 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

**NATIONAL THEATRE** 01 928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 24 hr cc bkg fee: 240 7200 **OLIVIER** Ton't 7.00 (PRESS NIGHT) Tomor 7 15 **THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS** Harrison. **LYTTELTON** Ton't 7 30, Tomor 2 15 & 7 30 **SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE** Sondheim & Lapine. **COTTESLOE** Tomor 7 30 (PREVIEW) **ABINGDON SQUARE** Fornes **STOP PRESS SAMUEL BECKETT (1906-1989)** A celebration of his life & work Participants will include DAME PEGGY ASHCROFT BARRY McGOVERN HAROLD PINTER STEPHEN REA BILLIE WHITELAW SUNDAY 1 APRIL TKTS £12 & £10

**NEW LONDON** Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7 45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7 45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL **CATS** **SEATS NOW AVAIL FOR EVE PERFS & TUE MATS FROM MAY ONWARDS SINGLE'S AVAIL FROM MARCH** Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. **NOW BKG TO SEPTEMBER**

**OLD VIC** Box Office & CC 928 7616 Agents with bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Previews from Thursday Mon-Fri 7 30, Wed mat 2.30, Sat 4 & 7 45 **MARYA** by Isaac Babel adapted by Christopher Hampton from translation by Michael Glenny & Harold Shukman "A powerful play of the early years of the Russian Revolution"

**PICCADILLY** 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fees) 741 9999 (bkg fee) **SIMON ESTES CYNTHIA HAYMON KING** THE MUSICAL Prevs fr Apr 7 Opens Apr 19

**PALACE THEATRE** 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 Groups 494 1671 **"THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS"** Newsweek **LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION** Eves 7 30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **"FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER** APPLY TO BOX OFFICE DAILY FOR RETURNS

**PHOENIX** Charing Cross Road, WC2 01-836 2294 cc 240 9661 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 01-240 7200/01-741 9999/01 379 4444 (all bkg fee) **STEVEN BERKOFF** "mesmeric...hypnotic" Sun Exp in Oscar Wilde's **SALOME** "a glittering masterpiece" Indp Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm **MUST END SAT**

**PLAYHOUSE** BO & CC 01-839 4401 cc 240 7200/379 4444/ 741 9999 Groups 240 7941 **JOSS ACKLAND JULIAN GLOVER** in **NEVER THE SINNER** NOW PREVIEWING (opens Thur 7pm) Eves 7 45, Wed & Sat Mats 3pm (no mat 28 Mar) **NE GROUP PLAYHOUSE**

**PRINCE EDWARD** 734 8951 First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee) 579 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 240 7941 **ELAINE PAIGE BERNARD CRIBBINS & JOHN BARROWMAN** in **ANYTHING GOES** "THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN" Daily Express "I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT" Daily Mail Choreographed by **MICHAEL SMUIN** Directed by **JERRY ZAKS** Eves 7 30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30

**PRINCE OF WALES** Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) **ASPECTS OF LOVE** "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7 45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns. Strictly no admittance for latecomers NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

**QUEENS** BO 734 1166/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 ALL NO BKG FEE. GROUPS 930 6123 **NIGEL HAWTHORNE JANE LAPOTAIRE SHADOWLANDS** 3 OLIVIER AWARD NOMINATIONS BEST PLAY BEST ACTOR BEST ACTRESS Eves 8.00 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

**SHAFTESBURY** BO & cc 379 5399 cc (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) 497 9977/741 9999 **MARTI WEBB WAYNE SLEEP ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S SONG & DANCE** 6 W/K SEASON OPENS 23 APR Special Easter Reduced Price Previews From 5 April

**ST MARTIN'S** 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 **38TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP.**

**STRAND THEATRE** 01-836 4143 01-836 2660 01-836 5190 Harold Fielding's World Premiere Production Of **SOMEONE LIKE YOU** A Musical Love Story starring **PETULA CLARK** DAVE WILLETTS CLIVE CARTER Eves 7 30 Mats Weds & Sats 2.45 INSTANT BOOKING 24 HOUR A DAY Through FIRST CALL on 01-497 9977 No Booking Fee Also Book (With Booking Fee) Through All Usual Agents

**STRATFORD UPON AVON.** Box Office and cc (0789) 295623. **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE:** From 5th April - Much Ado About Nothing Also Bkg: Comedy of Errors, King Lear. **SWAN THEATRE:** Starts Tomor The Last Days of Don Juan. Also Bkg: Troilus and Cressida. Edward II. Meal/ Ticket/ Hotel package (0789) 414999. For free leaflet phone (0789) 205301.

**VAUDEVILLE** BO & CC 836 9987 cc (no bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. Mon-Fri 7.45, Wed mat 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.15 **MARTIN JARVIS** "a perfectly splendid central performance" D. Mail in **MICHAEL FRAYN'S** "superbly playable translation" of Yuri Trifonov's "splendidly observant play" Tms **EXCHANGE** "THERE'S NO EVADING THE POWER & POIGNANCY" Gdn. "A FINE PRODUCTION OF A MAJOR WORK" Ind on Sunday

**VICTORIA PALACE** 01-834 1317 CC 01 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Olivier Award Nomination 1990 **MUSICAL OF THE YEAR BEST ACTOR IN A MUSICAL** "It's Buddy Brilliant" Sun "Sheer unadulterated fun ... I love this show" Sun Exp. The man. The Music. The Legend. **BUDDY** The Buddy Holly Story A NEW MUSICAL "Wonderful Stuff" Sun Tel. "I Loved It" Fin Times Mon-Thurs 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAYS 5.30 PERF

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**MEDICI GALLERY**, 26 Thurloe Street, London SW7. 01-589 1363. Exhibition of Limited Edition Prints By **PIP CARPENTER, ELLEN GILBERT & ELAINE MARSHALL.** 28 March - 12 April.

**ROY MILES GALLERY** 29 Bruton St, W1. **RUSSIAN ART.**

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### CINEMAS

**CAMDEN PLAZA** opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 **GERARD DEPARDIEU** in **BLIER'S TROP BELLE POUR TOI** (18) Progs 2.20 4.25 6.35 8.50. Awarded 5 FRENCH OSCARS. "ENORMOUSLY ENTERTAINING" City Limits.

**CHELSEA CINEMA** Kings Road SW3 351 3742 **GERARD DEPARDIEU** in **BLIER'S TROP BELLE POUR TOI** (18) Progs 2.20 4.25 6.35 8.50. Awarded 5 FRENCH OSCARS. "EXQUISITELY COMIC" The Times. "SHEERLY ENTERTAINING" The Guardian.

**CURZON MAYFAIR** Curzon St 465 8865 **PHILIPPE NOIRET** in **CINEMA PARADISO** (PG) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.40 "Do not miss" D Mail.

**CURZON PHOENIX** Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 **KENNETH BRANAGH** (Best Director BAFTA award) as **HENRY V** (PG) Film at 2 45 5.50 & 8.30.

**CURZON WEST END** Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Blair Brown, Bridget Fonda in David Hare's **"STRAPLESS"** (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20, 8.40.

**LUMIERE CINEMA** St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 **GERARD DEPARDIEU** in **BLIER'S TROP BELLE POUR TOI** (18) Progs 2.20 4.25 6.35 8.50. Late Night Fri/Sat 11 15pm. Awarded 5 FRENCH OSCARS. "MESMERISING" 20/20. "BALASKO IS SUPERB" The Guardian.

**RENOIR** Brunswick Sq WC1 (Russell Square Tube) 837 8402 1. Hou Hsiao-hsien's **A CITY OF SADNESS** (15) Progs 1.30 4.40 8.00. 2. Denys Arcand's **JESUS OF MONTREAL** (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40. "BRILLIANT" S.Times. "OUTSTANDING" Observer.

# TELEVISION & RADIO

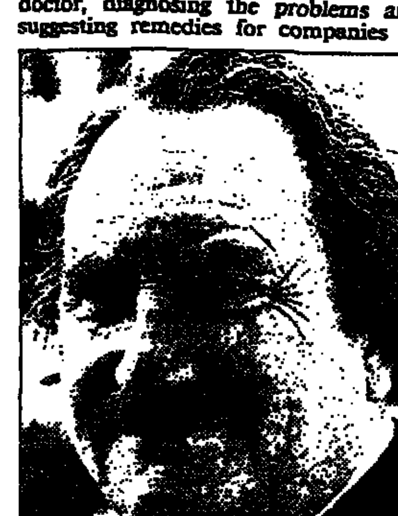
Compiled by Peter Dear and Stephanie Billen

## Troubled times at toy-town

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● Sir John Harvey-Jones was clearly wasted running ICI. He should have opted for television years ago, such is his effortless command of the medium. The idea behind **Troubleshooter** (BBC2, 9.50pm) is that he acts as a business doctor, diagnosing the *problems* and suggesting remedies for companies in



**Devastating charmer: business doctor Sir John Harvey-Jones (BBC2, 9.50pm)**

trouble. In Manchester to apply his expertise to the ailing toy firm, Tri-ang, he is charming but devastating. The company, he declares, is suffering from weak management, an inefficient factory and clapped out machinery. Sidney, the boss, a man who talks entirely in clichés, is branded as "old fashioned and autocratic." Sir John accuses him of being anti-union. "I believe in unions", says Sidney, "in other plants." Much has happened at *Tri-ang* since Sir John's first visit and the sceptical may feel that the real world of business is a little more complicated than this television construct, watchable though it is.

● *Peru's leading novelist, Mario Vargas* Llosa, is attempting to emulate a fellow writer, Vaclav Havel, and become president of his country. Nicholas Shakespeare's excellent film for **Omnibus** (BBC1, *10.35pm*) follows him on the campaign trail while using his excursion into politics as the peg for a wider profile. The material is rich: a series of semi-autobiographical books, two wives, one an aunt and the other a cousin, 18 years of exile in Europe and a political outlook that has swung all the way from Marxism to Thatcherism. Llosa is clearly a reluctant politician but if he wins he will have the awesome job of rescuing a country *on the point of collapse.*

● Enthusiastically presented by Michael Jackson (no relation), **The Beer Hunter** (Channel 4, 8.30pm) sets out to prove that beer is as interesting as wine, with as many distinctive varieties and subtleties of flavour. His exploration begins in Belgium, where he works his way through a huge meal in which every course is accompanied by a different beer. Like any wine buff he talks knowledgeably about bouquet, palate and finish and maintains that the beer world, too, has its burgundies and champagnes.

● If Uncle Joe ever took home movies, none of them turns up on **Stalin** (ITV, 10.35pm). Concluding the trilogy, this study of war and Cold War is a portrait of Stalin's Soviet Union rather than of the man himself, who remains elusive.

## BBC 1

**6.00** **Ceefax**
**6.30** **BBC Breakfast News** with Jill Dando and Nicholas Witchell. Includes regular news bulletins, business reports, sports summaries, *regional news*, weather, travel information and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan **8.55** Regional news and weather
**9.00** **News** and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers comment on yesterday's *television* programmes. To contribute ring Jayne Irvine on 061 814 0424
**9.20** **Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on suicide
**10.00** **News** and weather followed by **Turnabout** (r)
**10.25** **Children's BBC**, introduced by Simon Parkin begins with **Playdays** **10.50** **Jimbo and the Jet Set** (r) **10.55** **Five to Eleven.** Gary Watson reads extracts from the Gospel of Mark
**11.00** **News** and weather followed by **Open Air.** Gloria Hunniford and Jayne Irving meet award-winning actress Julie Walters
**12.00** **News** and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Includes advice on male grooming from fashion and style *expert Steve Whately.* Presented by Andy Craig and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather
**1.00** **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. Weather
**1.30** **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) **1.50** **Turnabout.** *Another round of Rob* Curling's word power quiz game
**2.15** **Film: Sirocco** (1951 b/w). Sub-*Casablanca* romantic thriller starring Humphrey Bogart as an ex-saloon owner who becomes a rebel gunrunner in 1920s Damascus. Complications set in when he falls for Violette, played by Marta Toren. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt
**3.50** **Bodger and Badger** (r) **4.05** **Hokey Wolf** (r) **4.15** **Jackanory.** John Sessions with part two of William Steig's *Dominic* **4.25** **New Yogi Bear Show** **4.35** **The Really Wild Show.** Wildlife series (Ceefax)
**5.00** **Newsround** **5.10** **Gruey.** Episode five (r)
**5.35** **Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
**6.00** **Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Peter Sissons. Weather
**6.30** **Regional News Magazines**
**7.00** **Holiday 90.** *EastEnder* Ethel (Gretchen Franklin) takes a break from Albert Square and travels to Ragley Hall in Warwickshire; Kathy Tayler visits the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls, in Venezuela; and David Jessel discovers a cheap way of taking the family to Venice. (Ceefax)
**7.30** **EastEnders.** (Ceefax)
**8.00** **To the Manor Born.** Audrey (Penelope Keith) complains to Richard (Peter Bowles) about his use of the estate as a base for his multinational grocery business (r). (Ceefax)
**8.30** **A Question of Sport.** Bill *Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined* by Karen Briggs, John Regis, Rory Underwood and Steve McMahon. David Coleman is the questionmaster. (Ceefax)
**9.00** **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn *Lewis. Regional news and weather*
**9.30** **Follow Your Nose: Lenny Henry in Uganda.** The first of a series of five daily reports explaining how money raised by last year's Red Nose Day was spent. Today, Lenny Henry visits Gulu in north Uganda, which has suffered a long series of climatic disasters but now, thanks to Comic Relief, a development project is improving the situation, providing a more hopeful future for its inhabitants. *(Ceefax)*
**9.45** **Making Out.** In tonight's episode of Debbie Horsfield's boisterous, hard edged drama, Donna, constantly bombarded by demands from her young daughter, realizes that *motherhood is not as she* expected. (Ceefax)
**10.35** **Omnibus: The Story of the Novelist Who Would Be President.** (see Choice)
**11.35** **Film 90 with Barry Norman.** A *special report on last night's Oscar* ceremony from Tom Brook, where British hopes lay with Pauline Collins's *Shirley Valentine*, Daniel Day Lewis's *My Left Foot* and Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V*
**12.05am** **International Cricket.** Highlights of the fourth day's play in the third Test between West Indies and England in Port of Spain, introduced by Tony Lewis
**12.35** **Weather**

## ITV/LONDON

**6.00** **TV-am** begins with **News** and **Good Morning Britain**, presented by Linda Mitchell and, from **7.00**, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. Includes coverage of the Oscar awards ceremony from Hollywood with Robert Osborne. **9.00** **After Nine.** With fashion expert Merrill Thomas on spring and summer fashions
**9.25** **The Pyramid Game.** Quiz show hosted by Steve Jones **9.55** **Thames News** and weather
**10.00** **The Time . . . The Place . . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
**10.40** **This Morning.** Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy *Finnigan. Today's edition* includes financial advice, needlecraft ideas and David Bellamy exploring heathland and hedgerows. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
**12.10** ***Rod, Jane and Freddy*** (r) **12.30** **Home and Away**
**1.00** **News at One** with John Suchet. Weather **1.20** **Thames News** and weather **1.30** **Santa Barbara**
**2.00** **TV Weekly.** Anne Diamond takes a weekly look behind the scenes of ITV's popular programmes **2.30** **Take the High Road.** Four months on and Inverdarroch is coming to terms with the results of his actions
**3.00** **Sounds Like Music.** Pianist Bobby Crush introduces a second series of the quiz show in which three *contestants test their knowledge of* stage and film music **3.25** **Thames News** and weather **3.30** **The Young Doctors**
**4.00** **Oh! Mr Toad.** A new 13-part animated series by Mark Hall and *Brian Cosgrove, based on* Kenneth Grahame's classic novel *Wind in the Willows.* (Oracle) **4.20** **Phoenix Hall.** Episode one of a 13-part drama series set in a state boarding school **4.50** **Scooby Doo**
**5.10** **Blockbusters.** *General knowledge* quiz game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness
**5.40** **News** with Nicholas Owen. Weather
**6.00** **Home and Away** (r)
**6.25** **Thames News** and weather followed by **Crimestoppers**
**6.50** **Thames Help.** The first of three programmes on mental handicap
**7.00** **Emmerdale.** (Oracle)
**7.30** **Thames Reports** on the crisis in the Metropolitan Police's efforts to *recruit and retain young men and* women from the ethnic minorities
**8.00** **The Bill: One of the Boys.** DC Martella finds that sexism is just as *prevalent now that she is in the* CID (Oracle)
**8.30** **After Henry.** Gentle comedy starring Prunella Scales as a widow with an intrusive mother and headstrong teenage daughter. With Joan Sanderson and Janine Wood
**9.00** **Chancer: Trust.** Another crisis for *the aggressive Crane when merchant* banker James Blake informs Robert Douglas that Crane was thrown out of the City for insider dealing. (Oracle)
**10.00** **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. Weather **10.30** **Thames News** and weather
**10.35** **Stalin** (see Choice)
**11.35** **News Swap.** Sarah Dunant in London and Leonid Zolotarevsky in Moscow use the warming political climate and the latest satellite technology to exchange clips from the news bulletins of each country and to discuss the week's events
**12.05am** **Film: The Horror of Frankenstein** (1970) starring Ralph *Bates, Kate O'Mara, Graham* James and Veronica Carlson. Traditional material re-worked as black comedy is this final splutter from the Hammer horror factory. Directed by Jimmy Sangster
**2.00** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Man from the South.** In Las Vegas an old man and his younger friend strike an unusual bet. Starring John Huston, Kim Novak and Tippi Hedren (r). Followed by **News** headlines
**2.30** ***Donahue*** *plays host to members* of the cast of *St Elsewhere*, the comedy drama soap set in a Boston hospital
**3.30** **Quiz Night.** Inter pub and club quiz teams compete in this competition hosted by Ross King
**4.00** **Entertainment UK.** Weekly guide to the latest in film, music, video and theatre from all over the country.
**5.00** **ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

## BBC 2

**7.10** **Open University: A Question of Control.** Ends at **7.35**
**8.00** **News** **8.15** **Westminster**
**9.00** **Ceefax**
**9.25** ***Daytime on Two*** begins with German for beginners and includes **10.40** Technology and design problems **11.00** Going to work in the 1950s **12.55** Italian for beginners
**2.00** **News** and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) **2.15** **See Hear Extra!** (r) **2.40** **Under Sail.** Sea Cloud, the biggest barque to sail under the US flag (r) **2.55** **The Travel Show UK Mini Guides.** Loch Ness and Inverness (r)
**3.00** **News** and weather followed by **Westminster Live** **3.50** **News,** *regional news and weather*
**4.00** **The Spike Jones Show** (b/w). Vintage comedy. The guest is Hugh Herbert **4.30** **Plunder.** Roy Hudd selects favourite film and television clips from the BBC's archives
**5.00** **Advice Shop** on care in the *community* **5.30** **Gardeners' World** (r)
**6.00** **The Nitwits** (1935 b/w) starring Betty Grable, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey. A musical-comedy whodunnit directed by George Stevens
**7.20** **Young Musician of the Year.** The Wind semifinal
**8.00** **Open Space: An Education in Fear.** Most children can cope with school but a few simply cannot. Former teacher Patricia Knox does not think they are truants, skiving or lazy, and explains why she thinks the conventional approach to the problem is not the right one
**8.30** **Top Gear.** A *new* series begins with a look at Louise Aitken-Walker's bid to win the Ladies World Rally Championship; William Woollard goes to a school in Faverges to see how French schoolchildren study for their diploma in road safety; and Sue Baker and Chris Goffey are in Geneva for the first major international motor show of the year
**9.00** ***Quantum Leap.*** *Time-trapped* physicist Sam Beckett finds himself back in 1961 as a 17-year-old Californian
**9.50** **Troubleshooter** (see Choice)
**10.30** **Newsnight**
**11.15** **The Late Show** includes a comparison between Gothic cathedrals and contemporary office buildings **11.55** **Weather**
**12.00** **Open University:** 16 Plus: The Sheffield Story. Ends at **12.30am**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** **The Channel Four Daily**
**9.25** **Schools**
**12.00** **The Parliament Programme** presented by Sue Cameron
**12.30** ***Business Daily***
**1.00** **Sesame Street**
**2.00** **The Senior Service.** News, information and advice for older viewers. Includes **Sixty Not Out.** Shaw Taylor looks at what the effects will be on home help services *when they are privatized. (Oracle)*
**2.45** **Black Forest Clinic.** Teutonic medical drama soap (r)
**3.35** **Murun Buchstansangur.** Cartoon
**3.40** **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** This afternoon the overweight Oprah meets the undersized Danny *DeVito and his War of the Roses* co-star Michael Douglas
**4.30** **Countdown**
**5.00** **The Lone Ranger** (b/w). The masked defender of the good and his Indian assistant do battle with fraudulent rainmakers
**5.30** **4th Dimension** (r)
**6.00** **Gophers!** Last in the comedy series
**6.30** **The Cosby Show.** Award winning domestic comedy series (r)
**7.00** **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
**7.50** **Comment** followed by **Weather**
**8.00** **Not Pots.** The craft series continues with a feature contrasting the work of two weavers. One designs fabrics for mass-production, while the other weaves one-off cloths. (Oracle)
**8.30** **The Beer Hunter.** *(Oracle)* (see Choice)
**9.00** **Out on Tuesday.** Beatrix Campbell presents this gay and lesbian magazine series. Tonight's programme features *Polskiseks, a film investigating* sexual politics in Poland
**10.00** **Nightingales.** An undercover policeman, carrying out a surveillance exercise in the staffroom, causes much excitement
**10.30** **Rock Steady.** Includes Dave Edmunds at London's Town and Country Club
**11.30** **Absolutely.** Off-beat humour from Morwenna Banks, Peter Baikie and Moray Hunter (r)
**12.15am** **Film: Union City** (1979). Tense drama starring Deborah Harry, in her screen debut, and Dennis Lipscomb. A husband's obsession with catching a petty thief leads to tragedy. Directed by Mark Reichert. Ends at **1.45**

## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE

**5.00am** International Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The New Price is Right **10.30** The Young Doctors **11.00** Sky by Day: with mathematical genius Shakuntala Devi **12.00** Another World **12.50pm** As the World Turns **1.45** Loving **2.15** A Problem Shared **2.45** Those Were the Days **3.00** Cricket: West Indies v England, four day of the third Test, from Trinidad **10.10** Jameson Tonight: guests include Barbara Hulanicki, founder of Biba **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** Boney

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
**5.00am** International Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** International Business Report **9.30** Frank Bough **11.00** International Business Report **11.30** The Reporters **12.30pm** International Business Report **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Parliament Live **3.15** PM's Question Time Live **3.30** Parliament Live **4.30** NBC Today **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** Frank Bough **9.30** Target **11.30** The Reporters **12.30am** NBC Nightly News **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** Frank Bough **4.30** Beyond 2000

### SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am** **The Shopping Channel**
● All films will be scrambled
**2.00pm** **Dream Date** (1988): An over-protective father follows his daughter on a date
**4.00** **Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf:** *The dog meets Dracula*
**6.00** ***The Ryan White Story*** (1988): True story of a boy who contracted Aids through a blood transfusion. With Lukas Haas
**7.30** **The 62nd Annual Academy Awards Ceremony:** Highlights of the 1990 Oscar ceremony
**12.00** **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (1984): The original horror with teenagers finding a good night's sleep impossible to come by
**1.45am** **And God Created Woman** (1987): A prisoner in a New Mexico jail is offered freedom, but not on her terms
**4.00** **Jane and the Lost City** (1987): Adventure comedy about the cartoon-strip heroine starring Maud Adams
Ends at **5.35am**

### EUROSPORT

**5.00am** As Sky One **8.30** Menu **9.00** NHL Ice Hockey — Game of the Week: The New Jersey Devils v the Buffalo Sabres **11.00** International Motor Sport **12.00** Ringside Superbouts: Sugar Ray Leonard v Benitez **2.00pm** Snooker **4.00** College Basketball **5.30** Goals **7.00** Wheels **8.00** Formula 1 Motor Racing Grand Prix **9.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling **10.00** Football **11.00** Basketball **1.00am** Three-cushion Billiards

### MTV

**6.00am** Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Club MTV **12.00** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Paul King **4.00** 3 from 1 **4.15** Paul King **4.30** Coca-Cola Report **4.45** Paul King **6.00** MTV's Greatest Hits **6.30** Yo! **7.00** Saturday Night Live **7.30** Club MTV **8.00** MTV Spotlight: Eurythmics Special **8.30** European Top 20 **10.00** Coca-Cola Report **10.15** Maiken Wexo **1.00am** Night Videos

### SCREENSPORT

**7.00am** International Football **8.45** Pro Bowlers **10.00** US Professional Boxing **11.30** Ice Hockey **1.30pm** College *Basketball* **3.00** *World Rally Championship* **4.00** Ice Hockey **6.00** Sport En France **6.30** Powersports International **7.30** Update: International Football **9.30** Wide World of Sport **11.00** College Basketball **12.30** German Snowboard Cup

### LIFESTYLE

**10.00am** Jake's Fitness Minute **10.01** Search for Tomorrow **10.30** We're Cooking Now **10.55** Spain Spain Holiday **11.00** *Lifestyle Coffee Break* **11.00** *Edge of Night* **11.35** The Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Body Talk **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** The Rich Also Cry **2.40** Search for Tomorrow **3.05** Teabreak **3.10** Afternoon Cinema **4.45** The Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** **WALES: 6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.45** Week In Week Out **10.15** Making Out **11.05-12.05am** Omnibus **12.35-12.40** News and weather ***SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00*** *Dotaman* **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.50-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **9.45** Tomorrow's Farm **10.15** Making Out **11.05-12.05am** Omnibus **12.35** Close **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

**BBC2** **WALES: 8.00pm-8.30** Between Ourselves: A Home of Our Own

**ANGLIA** As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **6.25-7.00** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Go Fishing **11.35** Film: The Border **1.40** America's Top Ten **2.10** Entertainment UK **3.10** Monster Trucks **4.00-5.00** Fall Guy.

**BORDER** As London except: **1.20pm** Border News **1.30-2.00** Out of Town **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara **3.30-4.00** Coronation Street **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Lookaround Tuesday **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** I Spy **12.35am** **Tour of Duty** 1.30 **Wrestling** 2.30 **Last Five Minutes** 4.05 **About Britain** 4.35-5.00 **Jobfinder.**

**CENTRAL** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Hollywood Sports **6.25-7.00** News 7.30-8.00 **The Works** 11.35 **Film: Fathom** 1.30am **Rock of Europe** 2.30 **Sportsweek** 3.30 **Pick of the Week** 4.00-5.00 **Jobfinder.**

**CHANNEL** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Video Fashion **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Tour of Duty **12.35am** Channon and Ball **1.05** Donahue **2.05** Fugitive **3.05** Rock of Europe **4.05** Crusade **4.40-5.00** About Britain.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: **1.20pm** Grampian News **1.30-2.00** Off the Page **2.30-3.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Sweeney **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Last Five Minutes **4.05** About Britain **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

**GRANADA** As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News 3.30-4.00 **Sons and Daughters** 6.30-7.00 **Granada Tonight** 7.30-8.00 **Science Fiction** 11.35 **Happy Mondays** 12.35am **Tour of Duty** 1.30 **Wrestling** 2.30 **Last Five Minutes** 4.05 **About Britain** 4.35-5.00 **Jobfinder.**

**HTV WEST** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** News 6.30-7.00 **Blockbusters** 7.30-8.00 **Science Fiction** 11.35 **Fugitive*** 12.35am Film: The Defector **2.25** Invitation to Remember (Leslie Phillips) **2.55** 60 Minutes **3.50** About Britain **4.15** Lake Odyssey **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: **1.20pm** Scotland Today **1.30-2.00** Action of Racism **3.30-4.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Kojak **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Film. Not Wanted on Voyage **4.05** About Britain **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

**TSW** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coronation Street **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **5.10-5.40** Who's the Boss? **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Magnum **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Last Five Minutes **4.05** About Britain **4.35-5.00** Farming News.

**TVS** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Video Fashion **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Tour of Duty **12.35am** Channon and Ball **1.05** Donahue **2.05** Fugitive **3.05** Rock of Europe **4.05** Crusade in Europe **4.40-5.00** About Britain.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Cover Story (Paul McCartney) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Crime Story **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Last Five Minutes **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**ULSTER** As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-2.00** Hollywood Sports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **10.35** Sportsbeat **11.35** Stalin **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Last Five Minutes **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Invitation to Remember (Lionel Jeffries) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Science Fiction **11.35** Film: Poison Ivy **1.20am** Comedy Tonight **1.50** 60 Minutes **2.50** Music Box **3.50** About Britain **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder.

**S4C** Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Ty Chwith **1.00** Time to Remember" **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Senior Service **2.15** Sixty Not Out **2.45** Out of the East **3.30** Land of the Giants **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Treasure Hunt **6.00** News **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Natur Wyllt **7.30** Taro Tant **8.00** Dinas **8.30** News **8.55** Troeon **9.35** Chelmsford 123 **10.00** Cheers **10.30** Rock Steady **11.30** Out on Tuesday **12.30am** Close.

**RTE 1** Starts: **12.30pm** Head to Toe **1.00** News **1.30** Knot's Landing **2.30** Great Paintings **2.40** Eye of the Artist **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Perry Mason **5.30** A Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Video File **7.30** Major Dad **8.00** Here and Now **8.30** Check Up **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Open Eye **10.40** Snooker **11.40** News. Closedown.

**NETWORK 2** Starts: **1.30pm** Bosco **2.00** *Snooker* **3.35** *Flipper* **4.00** Scooby Doo **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Silver Spoons **5.25** Gophers **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** Glenroe **8.00** Streets of San Francisco **9.00** Empty Nest **9.30** Top of the Hill **10.30** News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Rock Steady **12.30am** Closedown.

## RADIO 1

**FM** Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** *until* **4.30pm**, *then at* **7.30, 8.30** and **10.00pm**
**5.00am** Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Mike Read **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.30** News '90 **6.00** *Philip Schofield* **7.30** *The* Classic Albums: Dark Side of the Moon **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

## RADIO 2

**FM** Stereo and **MW**
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
**4.00am** Alex Lester **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Bob Holness **7.00** The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** When Housewives Had The Choice **10.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **10.30** The Name's The Game **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
**5.00am** World News **5.09** 24 Hours, News Summary **5.30** Londres Matin **5.59** Weather **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Counterpoint **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Europe's World **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** the **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Composer Cameos **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Midi Magazine **10.59** Travel News **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.30** Megamix **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Inside the Pop Machine **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf A Far Cry from Kensington **2.45** Composer Cameos **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **3.30** Heute Aktuell **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Londres Soir **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** German Features **6.54** Nachrichten **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Financial News **7.30** Development '90 **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Meridian **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Business Matters **9.30** Megamix **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Commentary **11.10** Financial News **11.15** Concert Hall **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Images of Britain **1.45** Country Style **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Newsreel **2.30** tba **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** Health Matters **3.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau **4.00** Morgenmagazin **4.35** News in German Headlines in English and French **4.47** Press Review **4.52** Financial News **4.55** Weather and Travel News

## RADIO 3

**6.35am** Open University (**FM** only)
**6.55** *Weather and News* Headlines
**7.00** Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in D minor: Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble, with Monica Huggett and Jakob *Lindberg*); *Rossini (Sonata a* quattro No 2 in A, for strings: Accardo, Gazeau, Meunier and Petracchi)
**7.30** News
**7.35** Morning Concert (cont): Biber (Sonata No 1: Parley *of Instruments*); *Weber* (Invitation to the Dance: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Von Karajan); Brahms (Hungarian Dances, Book 4: Labeque sisters, piano duet); Janáček (Taras Bulba: Philharmonia under Simon Rattle)
**8.30** News
**8.35** Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Dieupart (Suites: No 1 in A; No 4 in E minor: John Toll, harpsichord, Ingrid Seifert, violin Charles Medlam, bass-viol)
**10.05** The Swan Abroad: Berlioz (Overture, Beatrice and Benedict: SNO under Alexander Gibson); Tchaikovsky, compl Taneyev (Do You Not Hear the Nightingale?: SNO under Järvi, with Suzanne Murphy, soprano, Keith Lewis, tenor)
**10.30** Shura Cherkassky: The pianist performs Mozart (Sonata, K 333); Ravel (Sonatine); Copland, arr Bernstein (El salon Mexico); Balakirev (Islamey) (r)
**11.30** BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Christian Tetzlaff, violin, performs Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Schoenberg (Violin Concerto); Brahms/Schoenberg (Piano Quartet in G)
**1.00pm** News
**1.05** Chopin: Colin Carr, cello, and Julian Jacobson, piano, play Chopin's complete cello and piano works (r)
**2.00** Canadians (**FM** only from **3.00**): Musicians and composers of Canada. Rameau (Les Sauvages: Kenneth Gilbert, harpsichord); Bach (French Suite No 2 in C minor: Glenn Gould, piano); Paganini (Moto perpetuo, Op 11: Kathleen Parlow, violin, with pianist); Brahms (Zigeunerlieder, Op 103: Maureen Forrester, alto, John Newmark, piano); Ernest Macmillan (Three Songs of the West Coast: Jon Vickers, tenor, Richard Woitach, piano); Harry *Somers (Fantasia: Montreal* SO under Mehta); Michael Longtin (Fedhibô for voice and synthesiser). With Giles Vigneault, Canadian Brass and the Ensemble Nouvelle-France. Includes traditional *music from Baffin Island,* the Iroquois and Assiniboine Indians, and British and French settlers (r)
**3.00-10.30** Test Match Special (**MW** only): West Indies v England. Commentary on the fourth day of the third Test
**3.20** Dvořák (**FM** only): Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra under Walter Süsskind, with Rudolf Firkusny, piano, perform Piano Concerto in G minor, Op 33)
**4.00** Swedish Shakespeare (**FM** only): Scandinavian Season. BBC Singers under John Hugh Thomas, with John Alley, piano, perform Sven Eric Johanson (Fancies); Bengt Hallberg (Sonnets to Sundry Notes)
**4.35** Smetana Quartet (**FM** only) performs Janáček (String Quartet No 1 "Kreutzer Sonata"); Dvořák (String Quintet in E flat, Op 97) (r)
**5.30** Mainly for Pleasure (**FM** only) with *Richard Baker*
**7.00** News (**FM** only)
**7.05** Third Ear (**FM** only): The author of 15 novels, Bernice Rubens, whose latest book is *Kingdom Come*, talks to Paul Bailey
**7.30** Oedipus (**FM** *only*): Austrian Radio Chorus; Arnold Schoenberg Choir; Austrian RSO under Erwin Gado Ortner perform Wolfgang Rihm's one-act opera (1986/7) of the Oedipus legend, drawn on texts by Hölderlin, Nietzsche and Heiner Müller. Sung in German
**9.00** Recollections of an Excursion (**FM** only): Part 2: A Voice in the Batalha Monastery
**9.20** A Viennese Pot-Pourri (**FM** only): Lisa Beznosiuk, flute, Nigel North, guitar, perform M. Giuliani (Gran duetto concertante, Op 52); Schubert, arr Diabelli (Waltzes, Op 9); Beethoven, *arr Diabelli (Pot Pourri)*
**9.55** Drama Now (**FM** only until **10.30**): Sweet Fat, by Jack Kenny and Peter King. A great man of jazz from the 1950s is remembered by three people. (r) (see Choice)
**11.00** Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Stenhammar (r)
**12.00** News **12.05am** Close

## RADIO 4

**LW** (s) Stereo on **FM**
**5.55am** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day*
**6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
**9.00** News
**9.05** Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. With a discussion on the Church of England
**10.00** News; Medicine Now: With Geoff Watts
**10.30** Morning Story: The Dragon Slayer, by Nora Windridge
**10.45** Daily Service
**11.00** News; Citizens
**11.25** From Our Own Correspondent
**11.50** English Now: David Crystal on the English language today. *Plus his pick of* competition winners
**12.00** News; You and Yours: With John Waite
**12.25pm** Blandings: Heavy Weather, by P.G. Wodehouse. Cheque *Books at the Ready.* With Ian Carmichael as the Honorable Galahad Threepwood; Richard Vernon as Lord Emsworth; Moir Leslie a Sue Brown; Charles Collingwood as *Ronnie Fish and John* Rapley as Beach. Adapted by Richard Usborne and narrated by Moray Watson (final part) (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
**1.00** The World at One: With James Naughtie
**1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion with the chairman of Traidcraft, Graham Young, on the goods sold by charity shops and catalogues and whether they are ethically sound; plus features on crime-novelist Agatha Christie; the increasing use of Shire horses on farms; and Shakuntala Devi, a self-*confessed human computer* who will be performing mathematical feats of mental arithmetic live in the studio
**3.00** News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Night and Day (s) *(see Choice)*
**3.32** Richard Baker Compares Notes with Peter Kemp and John Georgiadis on the Strauss family (s)
**4.00** News
**4.05** In Business: Presented by Carol Leonard
**4.30** Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
**5.00** PM: With Libby Fawbert and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
**6.30** Smiley's People: Seven part dramatization of John le Carré's novel. George Smiley is plotting the end of a 'journey' that should pay dividends. With Bernard Hepton as Smiley; Charles Kay as Toby Esterhase; Christopher Rozycki as Grigoriev and Douglas Blackwell as Peter Guillam (final part) (s)
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** File on 4: Robin Lustig reports on the commercial future of Britain's coal industry
**8.00** Science Now: With Alun Lewis (r)
**8.30** Taking on the Cross: Six talks for Lent. Part 4: The *Mocking and the Scourging.* Dr Marietta Higgs reflects on the experience of public humiliation
**8.45** In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped, today answering queries on the *community charge*
**9.15** Kaleidoscope: Includes a feature on the profitability or otherwise of literary magazines; plus reviews of David Hare's new film, *Strapless*, about a woman coming to terms with love and death, and a new recording of Chopin Preludes by Czech pianist Ivo Pogerlich (s)
**9.45** The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
**10.00** The World Tonight
**10.45** A Book at *Bedtime*: A Border Station, written and read by Shane Connaughton (2 of 6) (s)
**11.00** The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor with news and views of radio (s)
**11.30** Today in Parliament
**12.00-12.30am** News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
**FM** as **LW** except:
**11.00am-12.00** For Schools **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (cont) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Material Issues **11.50** The Country Seat **12.30-1.10** Night School (s)

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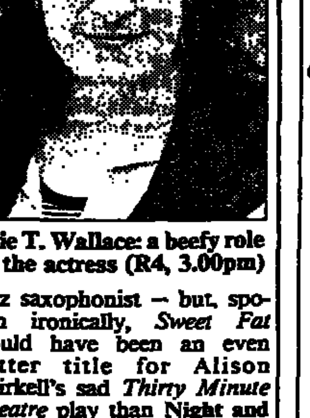
## RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● There's nothing wrong with **Sweet Fat** as the choice of title for Jack Kenny's and Peter King's play (Radio 3, 9.55pm) — Duke Ellington once used *the words to describe the sense* of freedom jazz can bring, and the play *is*, after all, about a



**Julie T. Wallace: a beefy role for the actress (R4, 3.00pm)**

jazz saxophonist — but, spoken ironically, *Sweet Fat* would have been an even better title for Alison Thirkell's sad *Thirty Minute Theatre* play than **Night and Day** (Radio 4, 3.00pm). This is about an actress who makes a good, though humiliating, living from playing roly-poly women in television comedies. It is a beefy role, if you take that to mean a part an actress can really get her teeth into — which is what I intend *it to mean. It seems neither* here nor there — but it is impossible totally to ignore the fact — that Julie T. Wallace who plays the outsized actress is the same Julie T. Wallace who made a considerable impact on television as the hefty avenger in Fay Weldon's *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil.* As for *Sweet Fat*, it asks pertinently: what good is it having geniuses if there is no-one to appreciate them?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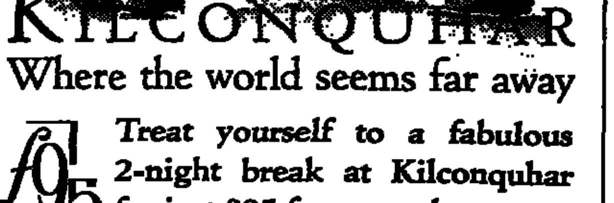

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# The left tightens grip on TGWU

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

THE LEFT yesterday strengthened its control of Britain's biggest union in spite of allegations that its supporters had been involved in a ballot-rigging scandal which has led to an investigation by the Serious Crime Squad.

Yesterday's result, in the re-run elections for the national executive committee of the Transport and General Workers' Union, confirmed that the union is still in the hands of a controlling body which is opposed to Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, on a number of fundamental issues, particularly defence.

The vote increased the left's domination on the executive from 21-18 to 22-17, causing some Labour MPs to indicate that the result was a warning to Mr Kinnock, himself a TGWU member, that he should not stray too far from the path of "socialism".

The union commands a huge block vote at the Labour Party conference and yesterday's result suggests that Mr Kinnock is still confronted with difficulties in dealing with organized labour.

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Walton and a former Labour Party chairman, said: "I am delighted with the results of the ballot.

"It clearly means that the rank and file of that trade union have come to the conclusion that what we need is the ending of all anti-trade union legislation by the future Labour government and that workers must have the same rights — indeed increased rights — as they had before."

He added: "Therefore this is a sign to the leadership of the Labour Party that they should now abandon any idea of continuing to support any of the anti-trade union legislation which the Conservatives have brought in."

The re-run ballot, which cost the union more than £250,000, was ordered by Mr Ron Todd, union general secretary, when evidence emerged that thousands of stolen election papers had been cast in marginal seats in favour of left-wing candidates.

Mr Todd said yesterday: "I am pleased that this election has been conducted within the scrupulous requirements of both the union and the Electoral Reform Society, who have also acted as scrutineers."

He added: "It is fair to remark that the outcome of the ballot announced today broadly reflects the trends in the first ballot before I suspended it."

The turn out was estimated to be about 20 per cent of the membership of more than 1.25 million.

# New princess honoured by big guns

ADRIAN BROOKS

A 41-gun salute was fired yesterday to mark the birth of the new princess born to the Duke and Duchess of York on Friday. The salute was fired by the Honourable Artillery Company at the Tower of London and by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in Hyde Park at 1pm

# Kohl rebukes Thatcher on Polish border issue

From Ian Murray and Girard Steichen, Bonn

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, is complaining that he has been misquoted by Mrs Thatcher on the subject of Poland's western frontier.

He let his displeasure be known yesterday through Herr Hans Klein, the Government's spokesman, who also said that Britain's Prime Minister had made "an extraordinary and unwarranted" criticism of West Germany's Constitutional Court".

The Chancellor was stung to retort by an interview with Mrs Thatcher which was published yesterday in *Die Spiegel*, the weekly news magazine, which she gave in advance of the Anglo-German summit in London next Friday.

A source close to Mrs Thatcher made no attempt last night to defuse the tension. "We will not react to reaction," the source said.

Mrs Thatcher's interview and the Chancellor's swift rejoinder show that they each fail to understand the other's position.

According to the interview, which was checked by Downing Street before it appeared, Mrs Thatcher became concerned about the Chancellor's position on the Polish frontier in the course of an after-dinner chat with him at the European summit in Strasbourg last December.

She told the news magazine: "I heard Helmut say: 'I can guarantee nothing. I don't recognize the present borders'."

She added that she knew that Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, felt differently about the issue, and the position had therefore to be resolved.

This part of the interview, which was released in advance, was picked up by other West German papers yesterday and was used to justify stories that, in the words of *Frankfurter Rundschau:* "Thatcher does not trust Kohl."

In the circumstances, Herr Klein was instructed to react at the usual government press conference.

During the confidential chat in Strasbourg, Herr Klein said, no such thing had been said. Mrs Thatcher's quote was wrong. Not only had the Chancellor never said the words, but they did not even convey his meaning.

A second passage in the interview had also caused offence, he said. In this Mrs Thatcher had said that the West German Constitutional Court had overturned earlier assurances which had been given about the border.

This "extraordinary and unwarranted" criticism of the highest court of a democratic country, Herr Klein said, was unjustified.

The court had not overturned any treaty obligation. It had merely ruled that a special assurance on the border did not have any legal validity.

Now, however, Herr Klein explained, a process had been started whereby a united Germany would give the same legal guarantees about the border as those which had already been established between West Germany and Poland.

Yesterday's sharp exchange underlines how the question of the Polish border still rankles, with the Chancellor unhappy about the way he was pressed by world opinion to introduce the resolution about it into the Bundestag, and Mrs Thatcher seeking to explain to a German audience why she was seeking to slow down the process of German reunification.

# Treasury accused over library

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE TREASURY has been accused of reneging over an agreement to help the British Library with the imminent £10 million relocation of some of its services to Yorkshire, and of "turning turtle" on an unusual decision to let proceeds from a property sale be used.

Last summer, the British Library Board had been told by the Treasury that it could use the proceeds of the sale of its Store Street building in Bloomsbury, London, to fund the relocation programme. The building is expected to be sold for between £8 million and £10 million.

But it emerged last night that in December the board was told that it would only be able to use half of the proceeds, leaving the Library management angry. "There was no explanation and no reasons were given," said Mr Kenneth Cooper, chief executive of the British Library.

He said: "They have turned turtle on us and it has made a real bundle of our planning.

"Secondly, it means that we have got to use the extra £3 million the Minister for the Arts got for us in the Autumn Statement which was earmarked to repair our acquisitions programme, and bringing our preservation — which includes conservation of books up to date."

Another £2 million is having to come from savings made in shedding leases.

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## Political sketch

# Putting energy into electricity

"BEARING down on inflation" Labour's John McFall (Dumbarton) reminded us yesterday, had been Mrs Thatcher's persistent theme. Now that electricity prices were to rise, what had "the female lead singer of the Mid Staffordshire Blues Band" to say about that?

As it happened, she was not there. One of her back-room boys, the band's chief lighting technician, John Wakeham (Energy Secretary), was at the Dispatch Box to talk about electricity. A capable but self-effacing chap, he decided to ignore "the Hon gentleman's amusing little joke" and stick to things he knew and loved, like "retro-fitting de-sulphurization equipment".

Everyone, yesterday, seemed to be cleaving to the familiar. The ambit — energy policy — was huge, and the politically naive might have thought this a time to talk about the future of the planet: for was the MPs' "Amen" not still echoing from the prayer in which their chaplain had just led them: "*...laying aside all private interests, prejudices, and partial affections...*"?

Some hope! The Liberals' Ronnie Fearn (Southport) had asked about Greenpeace, setting the stage (you might have thought) for a principled discussion about pollution. Enter (stage-left) Labour's spokesman, Kevin Barron, with a complaint about low-sulphur coal imports. Yes, a *complaint*: reductions in sulphur emissions were best not achieved by imports; but by mining and burning British coal with a higher sulphur content, which could then be artificially removed. Barron is sponsored by the NUM.

Waiting in the wings (stage-right) was Jonathan Aitken (C, Thanet South). "There is a one-in-20 chance of a major incident at a French nuclear power station, 14 of which are within 30 miles of the English coast." He is chairman of a group of Tory Eurocritics called the European Conservative Reform Group.

Labour's Alex Eadie (Midlothian) had asked junior minister Tony Baldry how much electricity we were importing from France. It was "foolish" he told Baldry, "to depend on energy supplies from a foreign source" when an uprated power link from Scotland could provide — yes, you guessed — "three million tons coal-equivalent of electricity". Mr Eadie is sponsored by the NUM.

The *Official Unionists'* James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley) stopped short of remarking that electricity from France was Popish electricity, and confined himself to advocating a power link with (Protestant) Scotland.

As the session proceeded, the impression grew of a topsy-turvy TV show in which the commercial breaks had overwhelmed the primary output and disinterested debate had come to represent a rare and awkward intrusion.

Such an intrusion was provided by the Tories' Peter Rost (Erewash). Rost is a dry, informed, reasonable sort of fellow, so you have probably never heard of him. Low-key, he remarked that "incentives" to conserve gas mean that if you consume 22,000 therms then it will pay you to burn off 3,000 into thin air, to trigger the bulk discount available at 25,000 therms. The Minister (Peter Morrison) murmured embarrassedly that Rost had a point.

And then came Toby Jessel (C, Twickenham). The Question (from Rost) had been about gas tariffs; but Jessel wanted to ask about culture: most notably to congratulate British Gas on its sponsorship for the arts. Mr Jessel is an able chorister; Mrs Eira Jessel a distinguished professional singer.

It is not your sketchwriter's contention that Mr Jessel should be gagged on arts matters: his parliamentary advocacy in this field is informed, and valuable. Nor do I suggest that Kevin Barron (who has never hidden his NUM connections) does not have a contribution to make to Labour's Green perspectives.

It is simply that if once — one were to look in on the Commons and chance to hear Toby Jessel in passionate oration on the sufferings of redundant mineworkers, or Kevin Barron waxing lyrical on the National Ballet's latest production — well, wouldn't it make a refreshing change? You might even listen to them.

**Matthew Parris**

# Bishop of Oxford disowns Runcie succession

Continued from page 1

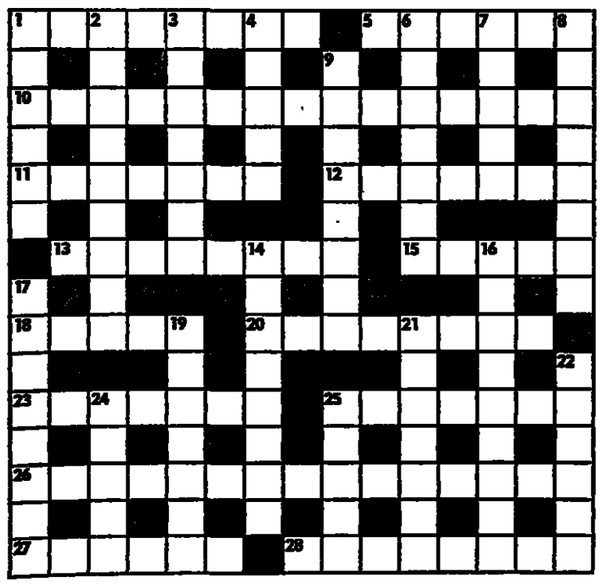
they would welcome or not welcome any challenge. You have to acknowledge when you are ordained in the church that you have to look at every challenge given to you and say: Is that what you think God is asking you to do?"

Bishop Harries announced that he intends bringing a legal action against the Church Commissioners, claiming they give insufficient attention to Christian ethical values in their investment policy. The commissioners based their policy on legal advice that financial return had to be the paramount consideration and Bishop Harries wants a High Court judge to rule that that is a wrong interpretation of the law.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, later maintained there was no such thing and regretted that the church was taking its internal disagreements to court.

● Dr Eames was Ladbrokes' 2-1 favourite yesterday. The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford is 5-2 second favourite; the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, is 6-1; the Right Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, and the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 8-1; and Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, is put at 2-1.

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,252



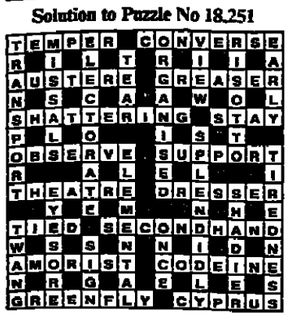
**ACROSS**

1 A twopenny increase for rate (8).
5 Predicament I am found in throughout (6).
10 Aloof manner in attitude of school head (15).
11 Herb's private article (7).
12 Catch returning ringleader and accomplice (7).
13 MP, doctor, and poet, say (8).
15 Join the old folk in the country (5).
18 Run a serious sort of theatre (5).
20 To try the patience of saints is gratuitous (8).
23 Jill fetching water in glass (7).
25 Confection of plainer sort (7).
26 Lacking rank, however (15).
27 Damage in a mooring area (6).

**DOWN**

1 Set apart old coin to subscribe (6).
2 Clear air as part of the service (9).
3 Speech from Downing Street, say (7).
4 Muslim divinity student frequently encountered in S Africa (5).
6 Hothead, in wrong situation, butts in here? (7).
7 Writer with large capacity for drink (5).
8 For example, when I appeared instead of a note with a dash (8).
9 To Micawber's credit, it was enough for a year's happiness (8).
14 We have one, as a rule (8).
16 Maiden's providing cause for concern (9).
17 Metal in a lump, possibly (8).
19 Not like novel he wrote (7).
21 Pupil given pound for work? (7).
22 Northern port accessible in October, generally (6).
24 Make fast time in this? (5).
25 Artistic infants set it up (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,251



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## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

**CHEVEN**
a. To cheat at cards
b. The club (fish)
c. The Spanish chestnut

**HIMATION**
a. An outer garment
b. Wintering cattle
c. A metamorphosis

**THEOW**
a. The back-bone
b. A double ox yoke
c. A slave

**PANDIE**
a. All day long
b. Join together
c. To cane

*Answers on page 20*

## AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24-hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

**London & SE traffic, roadworks**
C. London (within N & S Circs.).731
M-ways/roads M4-M1 ....732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T. ...733
M-ways/roads Dartford T.-M23 734
M-ways/roads M23- M4 ....735
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**National traffic and roadworks**
National motorways ....737
West Country ....738
Wales ....739
Midlands ....740
East Anglia ....741
North-west England ....742
North-east England ....743
Scotland ....744
Northern Ireland ....745

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## WEATHER

**Rain over Northern Ireland and western Scotland will spread across the rest of Scotland. Clearer, showery conditions will reach Northern Ireland and the extreme west of Scotland by evening. Western England and Wales will start dry but cloud and rain will arrive later. The rest of England and Wales will be dry with some sun. Central and north-eastern England may see some rain later. Outlook: Showery.**

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 12 | 54 | c | Majorca | 8 | 46 | r |
| Akrotiri | 19 | 66 | s | Malaga | 19 | 66 | s |
| Alex'dria | 21 | 70 | f | Malta | 19 | 66 | f |
| Algiers | 13 | 55 | r | Melb'rne | - | - | - |
| Amst'dm | 8 | 46 | c | Mexico C* | 18 | 64 | s |
| Athens | 18 | 64 | f | Miami* | 26 | 79 | s |
| Bahrain | 23 | 73 | f | Milan | 4 | 39 | r |
| Barbados* | 28 | 82 | s | Montreal* | 2 | 36 | c |
| Barcelona | 14 | 57 | s | Moscow | 7 | 45 | c |
| Belgrade | 9 | 48 | c | Munich | 3 | 37 | c |
| Berlin | 7 | 45 | c | Nairobi | 25 | 77 | f |
| Bermuda* | 23 | 73 | s | Naples | 13 | 55 | c |
| Biarritz | 9 | 48 | f | N Delhi | 26 | 79 | f |
| Burda'st | 9 | 48 | f | N York* | 8 | 46 | c |
| Brussels | 6 | 43 | c | Nice | 11 | 52 | f |
| Budapst | 7 | 45 | r | Oslo | 10 | 50 | s |
| B Aires* | 25 | 77 | s | Paris | 7 | 45 | c |
| Cairo | 23 | 73 | s | Peking | - | - | - |
| Cape Tn | 24 | 75 | s | Perth | 14 | 57 | c |
| C'blanca | 19 | 66 | s | Prague | 7 | 45 | c |
| Chicago* | 5 | 41 | s | Reykjvik | -3 | 27 | sn |
| Ch'church | 16 | 61 | f | Rhodes | 19 | 66 | s |
| Cologne | 6 | 43 | c | Rio de J | 26 | 79 | c |
| C'phgn | 6 | 43 | f | Riyadh | 23 | 73 | c |
| Corfu | 18 | 64 | f | Rome | 14 | 57 | f |
| Dublin | 9 | 48 | c | Salzburg | 4 | 39 | sl |
| Dubrovnik | 14 | 57 | c | S Frisco* | 12 | 54 | c |
| Faro | 20 | 68 | s | Santiago* | 25 | 77 | f |
| Florence | 11 | 52 | s | S Paulo* | 26 | 79 | c |
| Frankfurt | 9 | 48 | c | Seoul | 16 | 61 | s |
| Funchal | 18 | 64 | c | Sing'por | 32 | 90 | f |
| Geneva | 6 | 43 | c | St'kholm | 5 | 41 | f |
| Gibraltar | 19 | 66 | s | Strasb'rg | 7 | 45 | c |
| Helsinki | 4 | 39 | f | Sydney | 26 | 79 | f |
| Hong K | 20 | 68 | c | Tangier | 20 | 68 | s |
| Innsbrck | 1 | 34 | sn | Tel Aviv | 19 | 66 | f |
| Istanbul | 19 | 66 | s | Tenerife | 20 | 68 | s |
| Jeddah | 26 | 79 | f | Tokyo | 12 | 54 | s |
| Jo'burg* | 22 | 72 | r | Toronto* | 4 | 39 | s |
| Karachi | 28 | 82 | c | Tunis | 16 | 61 | c |
| L Palmas | 21 | 70 | s | Valencia | 16 | 61 | s |
| Le Tquet | 7 | 45 | c | Vanc'ver* | 8 | 46 | f |
| Lisbon | 18 | 64 | s | Venice | 5 | 41 | c |
| Locarno | 12 | 54 | c | Vienna | 7 | 45 | c |
| L Angels* | 16 | 61 | c | Warsaw | 8 | 46 | f |
| Luxembg | 6 | 43 | c | Wash'ton* | 6 | 43 | c |
| Luxor | 27 | 81 | s | Wel'nton | 16 | 61 | s |
| Madrid | 11 | 52 | s | Zurich | 5 | 41 | c |

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarborough | 8.0 | .01 | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Hunstanton | 7.4 | .04 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Cromer | 4.3 | .11 | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Lowestoft | 5.2 | .07 | 8 | 46 | hail |
| Clacton | 9.1 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Southend | 7.9 | .17 | 10 | 50 | hail |
| Folkestone | 7.0 | .01 | 11 | 52 | shower |
| Hastings | 2.6 | .03 | 9 | 48 | thundr |
| Eastbourne | 5.0 | .12 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Brighton | 4.9 | .15 | 9 | 48 | sleet |
| Bognor Regis | 7.1 | .01 | 11 | 52 | hail |
| Southsea | 7.9 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Poole | 8.4 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Swanage | 9.3 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Weymouth | 8.7 | .04 | 11 | 52 | shower |
| Minehead | 4.7 | .03 | 11 | 52 | drizzle |
| Blackpool | 5.6 | .13 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Morecambe | 4.7 | .02 | 8 | 46 | hail |
| Douglas | 6.1 | .13 | 7 | 45 | hail |
| Birmingham | 2.8 | .09 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Bristol | 3.1 | .03 | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Buxton | 2.4 | .53 | 8 | 46 | rain |
| Leeds | 4.2 | .10 | 9 | 48 | sleet |
| London | 1.5 | .02 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Manchester | 3.4 | .31 | 8 | 46 | shower |
| Newcastle | 5.5 | .06 | 8 | 46 | snow |
| Nottingham | 2.0 | .10 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Anglesey | 6.1 | .08 | 10 | 50 | hail |
| Cardiff | 4.9 | .02 | 11 | 52 | hail |
| Colwyn Bay | 4.0 | .24 | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Tenby | 4.4 | .06 | 10 | 50 | bright |
| Aberdeen | 9.2 | - | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Aviemore | 5.3 | .61 | 4 | 39 | snow |
| Edinburgh | 6.3 | .24 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Eskdalemuir | 4.2 | .22 | 5 | 41 | snow |
| Glasgow | 5.2 | .35 | 7 | 45 | snow |
| Lerwick | 7.3 | .32 | 7 | 45 | snow |
| Stornoway | 4.7 | .17 | 6 | 43 | hail |
| Wick | 6.7 | .23 | 6 | 43 | snow |
| Belfast | 6.4 | .08 | 7 | 45 | hail |

These are Sunday's figures

### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,029.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Newquay, Cornwall, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.24 in; highest sunshine: Ventnor, Isle of Wight; Teignmouth, Devon, 10 hr.

### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9 hr.

### GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr.

### WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London ....701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex ....702
Dorset,Hants & IOW ....703
Devon & Cornwall ....704
Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms ....705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon ....706
Beds,Herts & Essex ....707
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West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent .709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs ....710
Central Midlands ....711
East Midlands ....712
Lincs & Humberside ....713
Dyfed & Powys ....714
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N E England ....718
Cumbria & Lake District ....719
S W Scotland ....720
W Central Scotland ....721
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E Central Scotland ....723
Grampian & E Highlands ....724
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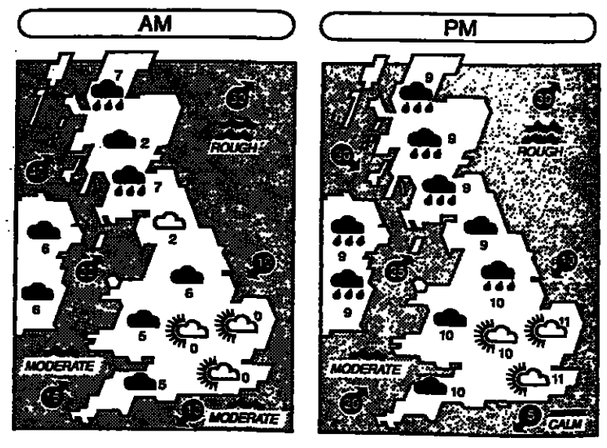
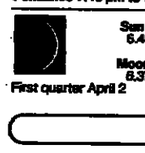



### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.25 pm to 6.46 am
Bristol 7.35 pm to 6.56 am
Edinburgh 7.40 pm to 6.53 am
Manchester 7.35 pm to 6.53 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 7.08 am



Sun rises: 6.46 am
Sun sets: 7.25 pm
Moon rises: 6.37 am
Moon sets: 8.54 pm
First quarter April 2

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

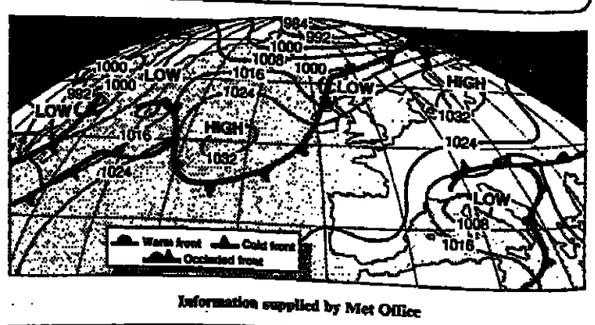
| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 9 | 48c | Guernsey | 7 | 45f |
| B'mgham | 8 | 46s | Inverness | 9 | 48c |
| Blackpool | 9 | 48s | Jersey | 9 | 48f |
| Bristol | 9 | 48f | London | 9 | 48c |
| Cardiff | 10 | 50c | M'nchster | 8 | 46f |
| Edinburgh | 9 | 48c | Newcastle | 9 | 48f |
| Glasgow | 10 | 50c | R'nldsway | 9 | 48c |

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 2.49 | 7.3 | 3.19 | 7.5 | Liverpool | 12.09 | 9.5 | 12.26 | 10.0 |
| Aberdeen | 2.23 | 4.3 | 2.26 | 4.5 | Lowestoft | 10.52 | 2.3 | 10.48 | 2.6 |
| Avonmouth | 8.26 | 13. | 8.47 | 13.9 | Margate | 12.44 | 4.8 | 1.25 | 4.8 |
| Belfast | — | — | 12.6 | 3.5 | Milford Haven | 7.24 | 7.5 | 7.43 | 7.4 |
| Cardiff | 8.11 | 12.8 | 8.32 | 12.8 | Newquay | 6.14 | 7.4 | 6.33 | 7.4 |
| Devonport | 7.16 | 5.7 | 7.39 | 5.6 | Oban | 6.58 | 4.3 | 7.14 | 4.1 |
| Dover | — | — | 12.9 | 6.7 | Penzance | 6.12 | 5.8 | 6.37 | 5.7 |
| Falmouth | 6.46 | 5.5 | 7.09 | 5.4 | Portland | 8.12 | 2.4 | 8.40 | 2.3 |
| Glasgow | 1.58 | 4.6 | 2.15 | 4.8 | Portsmouth | 12.19 | 4.6 | 12.29 | 4.6 |
| Harwich | 12.47 | 3.9 | 1.17 | 4.0 | Shoreham | 12.08 | 6.5 | 12.22 | 6.5 |
| Holyhead | 11.23 | 6.0 | 11.46 | 5.7 | Southampton | — | — | 12.01 | 4.6 |
| Hull | 7.31 | 7.6 | 7.35 | 8.0 | Swansea | 7.31 | 10.1 | 7.49 | 10.1 |
| Ilfracombe | 7.11 | 9.8 | 7.31 | 9.6 | Tees | 4.50 | 5.5 | 4.55 | 5.7 |
| King's Lynn | 7.47 | 6.7 | 7.46 | 7.2 | W'ton-on-Nze | 12.39 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 4.3 |
| Leith | 3.39 | 5.6 | 3.49 | 5.9 | | | | | |
| 12.09 | | | | | | | | | |

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

### NOON TODAY

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# BUSINESS

SECTION 2

TUESDAY MARCH 27 1990

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

**THE POUND**

**US dollar**
1.6135 (+0.0105)

**W German mark**
2.7664 (+0.0245)

**Exchange index**
86.8 (+0.7)

**STOCK MARKET**

**FT 30 Share**
1813.5 (+17.4)

**FT-SE 100**
2298.2 (+14.3)

**USM (Datastream)**
142.30 (–0.24)

*Market report, page 26*

## Brent rises to £12.9m

BRENT CHEMICALS' pre-tax profits rose by 15 per cent to £12.9 million in the year to December. Turnover rose by 11 per cent to £87.4 million and earnings per share by 2 per cent to 13.1p.

After a total gain from disposals of £17.5 million, Brent now has net cash of £29 million. The final dividend goes up by 0.65p to 5.4p, leaving the total 13 per cent higher at 6.8p.

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## TT surges

TT GROUP, managed by a former Hanson acquisitions manager, Mr John Newman, reports pre-tax profits of £8.42 million for the year ended December compared with £3.58 million previously. Turnover rose from £28 million to £60.9 million. A final dividend of 2.5p (2p) makes 4p (3p) for the year.

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**STOCK MARKETS**

| | |
|---|---|
| **New York:** | |
| Dow Jones | 2721.85 (+17.57)* |
| **Tokyo:** | |
| Nikkei Av | 31840.49 (+1468.33) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 3014.02 (+39.86) |
| **Amsterdam:** | |
| CBS Tendency | 116.0 (+1.3) |
| **Sydney:** AO | 1567.4 (+0.1) |
| **Frankfurt:** DAX | n/a |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 6142.08 (+3.10) |
| **Paris:** CAC | 521.52 (+5.52) |
| **Zurich:** SKA Gen | 591.2 (–0.3) |
| **London:** | |
| FT-A All-Share | 1134.34 (+5.23) |
| FT "500" | 1239.80 (+4.71) |
| FT Gold Mines | 273.6 (–21.3) |
| FT Fixed interest | 85.29 (+0.17) |
| FT Govt Secs | 76.72 (+0.49) |
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| Closing prices | Page 27 |

**MAIN PRICE CHANGES**

| | |
|---|---|
| **RISES:** | |
| Barclays | 586½p (+11p) |
| MEMEC | 167½p (+11p) |
| Wm Low | 301½p (+12p) |
| Tavener | 110p (+10p) |
| Blacks Leisure | 72p (+13p) |
| Conder Group | 905p (+20p) |
| Bowater | 454½p (+10p) |
| Chemring | 420p (+10p) |
| Radiant Metal | 145p (+12p) |
| Eurotunnel Units | 570p (+20p) |
| Rush & Tompkins | 157p (+17p) |
| Royal | 497½p (+15p) |
| Siebe | 449p (+10p) |
| **FALLS:** | |
| SA Breweries | 550p (–10p) |
| Liberty | 425p (–10p) |
| Laing Property | 650½p (–32p) |
| Britannic | 567½p (–24p) |
| J Laing | 272p (–11p) |
| DAKS Simpson 'A' | 432½p (–15p) |
| Elys (Wimbledon) | 965p (–10p) |
| **Closing prices** | |
| Bargains | 28939 |
| SEAQ Volume | 353.3m |

**INTEREST RATES**

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15¼-15 3/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 7/32-14 9/16%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.84-7.82%*
30-year bonds 100 11/32-100 23/32*

**CURRENCIES**

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.6135 | £: $1.6175* |
| £: DM2.7664 | $: DM1.7132* |
| £: SwFr2.4622 | $: SwFr1.5265* |
| £: FFr9.3099 | $: FFr5.7665* |
| £: Yen252.19 | $: Yen156.50* |
| £: Index:86.8 | $: Index:69.0 |
| ECU £0.739564 | SDR £0.808520 |
| £: ECU1.352148 | £: SDR1.236827 |

**GOLD**

London Fixing:
AM $379.25 pm-$370.25
close $367.50-368.50 (£228.00-228.50)
New York:
Comex $366.40-366.90*

**NORTH SEA OIL**

Brent (May) . . . $18.50bbl ($18.25)
* Denotes latest trading price

**TOURIST RATES**

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.27 | 2.12 |
| Austria Sch | 20.25 | 19.05 |
| Belgium Fr | 60.25 | 58.35 |
| Canada $ | 1.97 | 1.87 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.90 | 10.38 |
| Finland Mkk | 6.85 | 6.45 |
| France Fr | 9.72 | 9.12 |
| Germany Dm | 2.89 | 2.71 |
| Greece Dr | 279 | 252 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.25 | 12.35 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.09 | 1.02 |
| Italy Lire | 2130 | 2000 |
| Japan Yen | 266 | 250 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.235 | 3.055 |
| Norway Kr | 11.17 | 10.51 |
| Portugal Esc | 258 | 240 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.65 | 4.25 |
| Spain Pta | 183.50 | 171.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.41 | 9.81 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.57 | 2.41 |
| Turkey Lira | 4350 | 3950 |
| USA $ | 1.695 | 1.585 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | refer | refer |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers cheques.

Retail Price Index: 130.2 (February)

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# Restructure at Isosceles as sale talks fail

By Gillian Bowditch

ISOSCELES, the company that made the debt-financed £2 billion bid for Gateway, the supermarket group, last summer, needs to restructure its finances to avoid breaching an important covenant.

The restructuring follows an announcement that talks between Isosceles and Wm Low, the Scottish supermarket group, for Low to buy 81 of Gateway's northern stores for £212 million, have fallen through.

The deal collapsed on Friday evening, and Mr David Smith, Isosceles's chief executive, flew to the US the same night to talk to Wasserstein Perella and Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, the US shareholders who hold 40 per cent of the company.

The restructuring is likely to take the form of a subscription for new equity from existing shareholders, although other schemes are being considered. The possibility of an immediate flotation was considered but ruled out.

Speaking from the US, Mr Smith said Isosceles intended to keep and run the northern stores and had no immediate plans to sell Hermans, the US sportswear retailer.

This means Isosceles is about £300 million bigger than had been assumed under the original financing plans and the covenant on interest cover is in danger of being broken.

Mr Smith said: "We are looking to rejig the equity element of our financing before the end of the year. We could go for a much earlier flotation than planned but at present we're looking to do it within our own equity group."

He said the banks financing the £1.3 billion of debt and the shareholders speaking for £200 million of equity backed the company's decision to pull out of talks with Low. "They all agree that we should not do a deal which undervalues any part of our business."

Mr Smith said the deal with Low fell through for two main reasons. Isosceles did not know of Low's plans to sell on 30 per cent of the stores to the Co-operative Wholesale Society for about £50 million when it reached an agreement with Low in February.

In addition, he said, Low was not prepared to buy additional warehouses and developments which were to be valued separately.

Mr Smith said an equity injection of about £50 million would be enough to prevent the interest cover covenant being broken but Isosceles is likely to raise more than that from shareholders.

It plans a flotation in several years' time and Mr Smith said raising more equity this year would be a stepping stone in that direction. It would mean that the group would be able to float at a more manageable size.

A spokesman for SG Warburg, Isosceles's merchant bank, stressed that the banks were pleased with the way the group was trading and that there was no pressure to restructure the business. But the group could unveil a new package in July when it announces its results for the year to April.

The next tranche of debt to be repaid is £730 million, due in August 1992. It is conceivable Isosceles could have floated by then. The interest payable on the £200 million of debt, which the group will have to pay as a result of not selling the stores, can be met from the £36 million generated annually by them.

The breakdown in negotiations came as a disappointment to Mr James Millar, chairman of Low. He does not believe the deal will be resumed. "We had an agreement to buy the stores at £212 million and we shook hands on that. The deal with CWS had to reach a certain stage before we could inform Isosceles," he said.

Low intended to finance its £150 million of the deal with a £60 million rights issue and £90 million of borrowings. Low's shares rose 12p to 302p yesterday.

But Mr David Skinner, the CWS's deputy chief executive retail and services, says he is hopeful an agreement may eventually be reached. CWS is negotiating to buy around half a dozen of Gateway's superstores separate to the deal it was pursuing with Low.

# Howe amazed by Docklands

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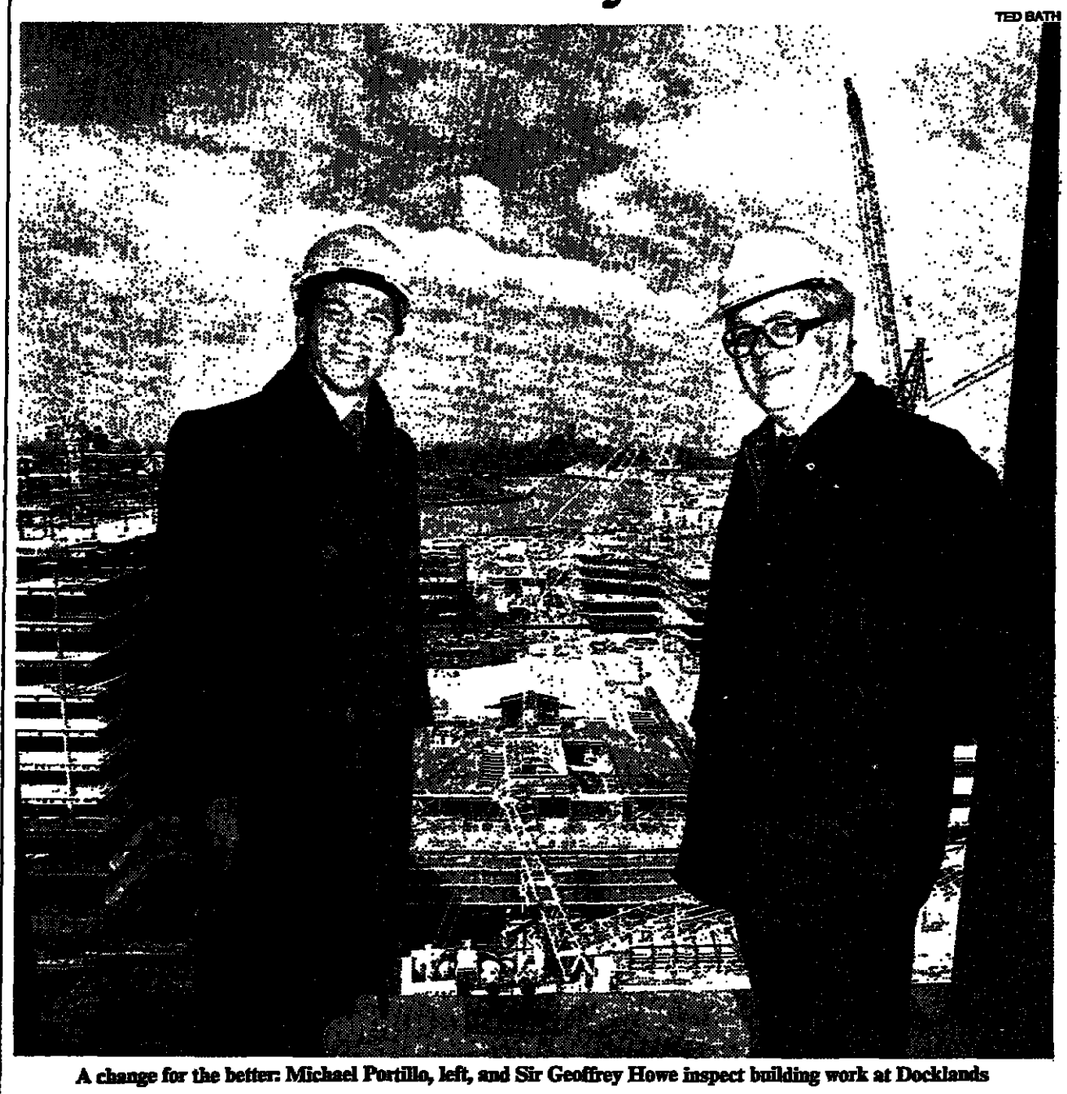

A change for the better: Michael Portillo, left, and Sir Geoffrey Howe inspect building work at Docklands

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, went to Canary Wharf to see for himself how the development of London's Docklands is progressing.

Sir Geoffrey toured the Isle of Dogs Enterprise Zone with Mr Michael Portillo, Minister of State for Transport, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the announcement of Enterprise Zones.

He said he was amazed at the transformation of Docklands.

"When I announced the Enterprise Zone scheme in 1980, the Isle of Dogs was a scene of dereliction. Today, the contrast is almost beyond belief."

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"That economic renaissance has brought new jobs, new homes and new opportunities for improving the local environment."

# B&J in Lowndes deal

By John Bell, City Editor

BROWN&JACKSON, which bought Poundstretcher the discount retailer from Lowndes Queensway, is buying a further 53 outlets from the troubled furniture chain.

The deal was disclosed along with a sharp increase in profits mainly due to the Poundstretcher acquisition, which cost £72 million. Pre-tax profits rose 320 per cent to £9.5 million, comfortably above analysts forecasts.

Mr Bryan Duffy, Brown & Jackson's chairman, said that the increase "exceeded our most optimistic expectations." Poundstretcher's growth showed the potential to make it "one of the outstanding retail success stories of the 90s."

The leasehold properties are to cost £1.6 million, but B&J is making a £32 million placing of ordinary shares and convertible preference stock. The extra cash will be used to invest in the new outlets, which will increase selling space by 31 per cent, to reduce borrowings and to buy further outlets.

Poundstretcher sales were 30 per cent ahead in the first 2 months of the current year with like-for-like sales growth of 12 per cent, he said.

The fund raising takes the form of a conditional placing of 36.8 million ordinary shares at 58p, compared with the stock market price of 61.5p, unchanged on the day, and 11 million convertible preference shares of £1 at par. The issue has been underwritten by Guidehouse Securities and UBS Phillips & Drew.

Existing shareholders can subscribe on the basis of one new ordinary share for three existing shares and one preference share for 10 currently owned. Lowndes Queensway is not taking up its rights but will vote in favour of the deal.

Earnings per share climbed more than 70 per cent to 7.22p, or 6.79p fully diluted. Total dividend rose more than 200 per cent to 1.7p per share.

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# Dutch banks seek merger

By Neil Bennett

HOLLAND'S two largest banks, Amsterdam-Rotterdam and Algemene Bank Nederland, are negotiating a £3 billion merger which would create Europe's seventh largest bank.

The banks stunned the Dutch financial markets yesterday by announcing they were "investigating the possibilities of a full co-operation." They then suspended their shares.

A merged bank would have total assets of Dfl352 billion (£114 billion).This would make it the sixth largest in continental Europe, and the 20th in the world, similar in size to Crédit Lyonnaise in France but still smaller than Barclays or National Westminster Bank. In 1989 the banks had combined net profits of £470 million, and are valued at £3.07 billion on the Amsterdam stock exchange.

Mr Ono Ruding, Holland's former finance minister, has been named as a possible candidate to run the bank.

International expansion would be one of the prime aims of a merger. Mr Robert Hazelhoff, ABN's chairman, said: "A merger would put us among the top banks and allow us to expand rapidly."

Mr Roelof Nelissen, Amro's chairman, said: "We need a merger to achieve our aims. Partial co-operation would not be enough."

Mr Andre Mulder, a banking analyst for Barclays de Zoete Wedd in Amsterdam, welcomed the merger, saying it would combine ABN's international banking presence with Amro's strong corporate operations.

## Pound up on demand from Middle East

THE POUND recovered sharply on strong commercial buying from the Middle East, closing up 0.7 in terms of the Bank of England's effective rate index at 86.8.

Shares strengthened with the currency helping the FT-SE 100 up 14.3 at 2,298.2.

Interest rates eased in the money market as sterling firmed and the three-month interbank rate finished 3/16 lower at about 15¼ per cent.

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# LUI suspended after DTI order

By Neil Bennett

SHARE dealings in London United Investments, where Prince Michael of Kent is a director, were suspended yesterday after the Department of Trade ordered the Walbrook Insurance subsidiary to stop trading.

The company was forced to cease its insurance business after an actuarial report exposed "financial uncertainties" in the company. At the suspension price of 30p a share LUI was worth just £17.4 million on stock market, against the October 1987 all-time high of 333p a share.

LUI also agreed to stop paying claims from six of its other subsidiaries, and asked the Stock Exchange to stop dealings in its shares.

The decision to stop the company underwriting was taken at an emergency board meeting on Sunday. Prince Michael, the Queen's cousin, was present.

Last Thurday, the DTI received a preliminary report on the company from Tillinghasts, the consultant actuary.

This showed that some of LUI's underwriting subsidiaries might not have enough money to meet future claims.

If this happens, Walbrook, which reinsured with the other subsidiaries, would be forced drastically to scale down its own business to protect its capital. Walbrook underwrites 55 per cent of risks taken on by HS Weavers, LUI's underwriting agent.

Prince Michael: director

The full review is due in two weeks, when the DTI will decide the company's future.

LUI specializes in "long-tail" US liability insurance, as well as medical- and legal-malpractice insurance. Last year it had premium income of £123 million. It insures a large number of the US *Fortune 500* companies.

In the past two years it has experienced an unprecedented surge in claims from asbestosis and environmental damage. The rate of claims accelerated further in the last three months of 1989. Now Lloyd's underwriters believe the company will need a cash injection to meet its liabilities.

News of the suspension stunned the London insurance market. Almost all major brokers use Weavers for much of their US liability insurance.

Last year, however, Alexander & Alexander and Marsh & McLennan, the two large US brokers, said they would no longer do business with Weavers unless their clients asked them, due to the company's high exposure to future claims.

Some Lloyd's underwriters which used Weavers to reinsure, or spread the risk, on US liability policies could stand to lose millions if Walbrook becomes unable to meet claims. One report suggested that the consortium with the highest exposure planned to make an offer for Weavers if LUI collapses.

"The company is very keen to get this thing resolved," said a LUI spokesman, "and then we can start trading."

Middle East investors poised to move into sterling

# Shine taken off the gold price

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

THE LONDON gold price crashed on world markets yesterday, falling at one point by $26.75 to $362.50 an ounce in a day which left precious metals dealers and investors shell-shocked.

Selling of gold was triggered in the Far East and compounded by reported Saudi Arabian and other Middle East bank selling of an initial 1 million ounces, and later a further 2 million ounces of gold. Middle East investors were said to be moving into sterling and would have generated up to $1 billion for immediate conversion into sterling.

Gold closed in London at $367.75 an ounce for a $21.50 fall on the day and at its lowest level since October.

The shake-out knocked platinum by $13.25 to $482.75 an ounce, though silver showed some resilience and closed a modest 11 cents down at $4.96 an ounce.

Far East markets were already nervous ahead of Saturday's end of the Japanese fiscal year. The gold market was further undermined by commission house liquidation in the wake the Tokyo Stock Exchange shake-out. Private investors were selling gold to cover equity portfolio setbacks.

The selling wave spread fast across Europe as Middle East sell orders were executed in Zurich, London, Frankfurt, and later New York. The US market opened one hour later yesterday because of British summer time, which left a market void. In later New York trading, gold edged up to $368.50 an ounce.

However, investors were said to be "shell shcoked" at the size and severity of a one-day fall not seen in bullion markets for some time. The shake-out is likely to frighten investors off-stage. They had begun to think gold had found bottom around $400 and was poised to move steadily up to the $450 level.

Gold's weakness led to hectic volume trading on Comex as speculators unwound positions. Comex last night raised its margin requirements for speculative dealing in gold from $1,700 per contract to $2,100, effective today.

Swiss bankers last night indicated that German and Italian jewellery fabricators might be prepared to turn buyers of gold at current levels, although chartists are divided as to whether gold has further to fall. The testing area will be $355 level — last seen in September, 1989.

James Capel, the broker, said it was to launch a new closed-end investment trust specifically to invest in gold shares and bullion. Capel aims for a fund with an asset backing of £100 million to make it a "proxy" for the now taken-over Consolidated Gold Fields group.

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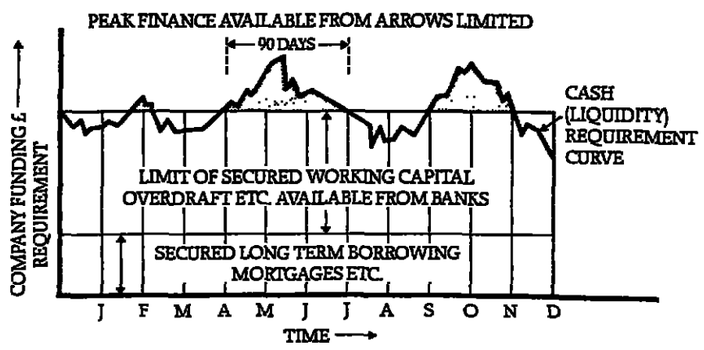


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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Playboy in European joint venture talks

PLAYBOY Enterprises Inc of the US is negotiating a joint venture with an unidentified European publisher and planning a share issue. Miss Christie Hefner, Playboy's chief executive, said in Italy. She declined to comment on speculation that talks were with the West German media and publishing group Bertelsmann, but said Playboy was looking at television for growth and might consider collaborating with the Italian media entrepreneur Signor Silvio Berlusconi.

A new issue of Playboy shares on Wall Street was being considered. Miss Hefner's father, Mr Hugh Hefner, who founded *Playboy* magazine, owns 70 per cent of Playboy Enterprises.

## Insurance broker ahead

PRE-TAX profits at Lloyd Thompson Group, the Lloyd's insurance and reinsurance broker, were ahead by 40 per cent to £4.03 million in the six months to end-December. Income from brokerage increased by 37 per cent to £9.59 million in the period. Fully diluted earnings per share improved by 32 per cent to 7.9p and the interim dividend advanced by 21 per cent to 2.3p.

## Rotork lifts profit 21%

ROTORK, the manufacturer of valve actuators and other instrument-control equipment, showed a pre-tax profit of £6.15 million for 1989, an increase of 21 per cent. Turnover increased by £5.3 million to £39.37 million. A final dividend of 4.5p per ordinary share brings the total to 8p, compared with 7.25p per ordinary share for 1988. Earnings per share increased from 11.09p to 13.1p.

## EBC housing setback

EBC, the South-west building contractor, sold only 40 houses in 1989 compared with 120 in 1988, halving profits at the housing division. However, buoyant profits from contracting and a doubled contribution from commercial property development helped lift pre-tax profits in the year to December to £5.3 million, a 43 per cent increase on 1988.

At £1.2 million, the contribution from the property maintenance division came close to matching the £1.3 million from contracting. A final dividend of 4.5p a share is being paid, giving a total of 8p a share (6.75p). Mr David Stoneman, the chairman, said: "Good order books for a number of our building companies make us confident about the prospects for the current year."

## Mayoh leaves Epwin Group

MR JOHN MAYOH, joint managing director of Epwin Group, the window maker, has resigned to pursue other interests. He has undertaken not to sell his 18 per cent stake for at least a year. Epwin raised pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £3.05 million during 1989 on turnover of £43.9 million (£34.8 million). The total dividend rises to 6p (5.3p) through a proposed final of 4.2p on earnings of 14.1p (11.3p).

## P-E payout rises 24%

PRE-TAX PROFITS at P-E International, the international management and computer consultant, rose by 25 per cent to £5.62 million on fee income up 20 per cent to £58 million for 1989. Earnings per share rose 21 per cent to 21.1p. A final dividend of 3.9p (3.1p), lifts the total by 24 per cent to 5.6p. Mr Hugh Lang, chairman, said much of the growth came from continental Europe.

## Sale boosts Ossory

THE SALE of an 11-acre site in Mortlake, south-west London, accounts for much of the turnover in the interim results from Ossory Estates, the property developer. The site was sold in December for £20 million to investors trading as Peachstream Properties. The sale fell within Ossory's first half and lifted total turnover in the six months to December to £27.3 million. Pre-tax profits were up 49 per cent at £6.58 million despite a doubled interest charge of £1.3 million.

Ossory has since acquired a 47.5 per cent stake in Peachstream, which plans a 184,000 sq ft office building on the site. Ossory will project manage the scheme on a fee basis. An interim dividend of 0.4p a share (0.3p) is being paid.

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# Discount winner transforms B&J

TWO SUBSTANTIAL equity offerings in just over a year are rich even for a fast-growing company like Brown & Jackson. Such hyperactivity is bound to raise memories of B&J's last spell of torrid growth, when the shares reached a dizzy 288p before sagging to 11p.

That said, B&J looks to have a winner with Poundstretcher, the discount non-food retail chain bought from Lowndes Queensway. Management style is to pile it high and sell it cheap. There is mileage in selling men's white cotton shirts at £3.99. If Poundstretcher proves to be a formula business with staying power, then the original purchase was indeed a great opportunity, and the latest deal to add a further 53 Lowndes stores is a logical extension.

Poundstretcher turned in 13 per cent like-for-like sales growth, which translates to 25 per cent profits growth. The first months of the current year show a distinct acceleration.

The deal stretched B&J's balance sheet, but transformed its profitability. At pre-tax level, the gain was 320 per cent to £9.53 million with earnings per share 70 per cent ahead. Regrettably, the fact that £2 million of the profits arose from property disposals was not apparent immediately, though the company would say that with more than 200 outlets, this will be a recurring source of income. Dividends rose 200 per cent to 1.7p.

B&J is paying £1.6 million for the 10- to 15-year leasehold properties from Lowndes yet is raising £32 million from a placing of straight shares and convertible preference stock. The all-in cost of refurbishing the new outlets and re-stocking is more like £12 million. That leaves headroom for bank debt reduction and a modest war chest for further site acquisitions.

The size of the issue takes a good deal on trust. But it is effectively placed with a claw-back provision for existing shareholders, thus denying current holders a chance to sell their rights. The shares are being offered at a modest 58p, representing about 9 times earnings after allowing for full dilution and some property profits. Speculative, but interesting.

## Brent Chemicals

THE BIG question for Brent Chemicals shareholders lies in the group's plans for spending its considerable cash hoard.

The sale of Reddish Savilles, the brewing and cleaning chemicals subsidiary, plus the divestment of its automotive rust treatment and primer activities, brought in more than £30 million, a tidy sum for a company capitalized at little more than £75 million.

ALISTAIR GRANT

Eyes on Europe: Steve Cuthbert, of Brent Chemicals, yesterday

Indeed, £29 million of Brent's £41 million net assets are net cash, which works out at about 54p per share.

Brent clearly plans to make further acquisitions and hints that these will be of owner-managed businesses in Europe, where its expansion is to be focused. However, there is a risk it will make a rash move to reduce its current acute vulnerability to predators.

Any purchases are likely to be aimed at boosting interests in aerospace and electronics chemicals. These businesses are already much more international than the ones just sold, where sales were mainly in the UK.

The latest figures reported by Mr Steve Cuthbert, the chief executive, were not particularly impressive, nor any great surprise. Although pre-tax profits were 15 per cent up at £12.9 million in the year to December, the first full dividend on the £12 million of preference shares issued in August 1988 left earnings per share just 2 per cent up at 13.1p.

Earnings had grown only 2 per cent in the first half and the full-year totals were only slightly higher than Brent forecast earlier this month, when it announced the disposal of Reddish Savilles.

Analysts expect some recovery in Brent's fortunes this year, taking profits to £14 million and earnings to about 14p and leaving the shares, up 4p at 144p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 10. That is high on trading grounds, even though there is a 6.3 per cent yield. However, Brent has a number of businesses of gem-like quality and, netting the cash pile off its market value, these could seem sufficiently cheap for an industry buyer to launch a bid.

## TT Group

TT GROUP is fast settling into its stride, which is no less than was expected after a 1987 revitalization in which Mr John Newman, former acquisitions manager at Hanson, and Mr Nicholas Shipp, former stockbroker, moved into the executive seats.

Pre-tax profits of TT (formerly Tyzack Turner) rose by 135 per cent from £3.58 million to £8.42 million on a £60.9 million (£28 million) turnover in the year ended December 30. Pre-tax margins advanced by one percentage point to 13.8 per cent.

The final dividend rises from 2p to 2.5p a share, making 4p (3p) for the year.

The profits advance owes something to a full year's contribution from Beatson Clark, acquired in August, 1988, the benefit of eight months' profit after the May, 1989, acquisition of Newship Manufacturing, and to organic growth.

Improved productivity was squeezed out of Beatson.

The Hanson experience and lessons of financial control helped TT Group end the year with gross bank borrowings of £3.3 million and cash in hand of £1.7 million, giving a gearing of a mere 4.4 per cent.

The balance sheet is therefore poised for the next move on the acquisition trail, though not, it seems, Chloride's way. Having built a 2.85 per cent stake in Chloride, TT has recently sold the rump of its holding. However, after interest costs, TT may not have made much of a turn out of the exercise.

Pre-tax profits could challenge the £11 million mark this year, and at 117p, up 4p, the shares trade on 8.1 times.

The Newman-Shipp team holds 32 per cent of TT's equity, and there is a respectable institutional following. The shares are looking cheap.

## Japanese firms favour UK

JAPANESE companies have increased their presence in Europe ahead of the single market in 1992 with Britain and France the favoured destinations, a survey by Jetro, the semi-official Japan External Trade Organisation shows.

At end-January, there were 529 companies with Japanese investment of at least 10 per cent, up from 411 a year earlier, in the 18 countries of the EC and the European Free Trade Association.

These included 132 in Britain, 95 in France, 89 in West Germany, 55 in Spain, 39 in the Netherlands and 28 in Italy. By sector, 139 produce electronic and electrical equipment or parts, 83 chemicals and 66 general machinery.

The average local content of parts and materials rose from 51.2 to 67.2 per cent.

Legal wrangles risk souring economic ties, says Brittan

# EC trade treaty with US urged

From Peter Guilford
Brussels

The United States and the European Community need a joint treaty to prevent "unseemly and damaging disputes" over industrial jurisdiction from escalating out of proportion, Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commissioner for Competition Policy, said in New York yesterday.

Sir Leon defended the EC's increasingly powerful competition-enforcement rules, but gave warning that they could bring it into conflict with the US. "We cannot avoid the possibility of conflicts of jurisdiction, with both the United States and the European Community claiming jurisdiction in the same areas," he said.

The world's two biggest trading blocs should sign "a treaty or less formal agreement", as no procedure currently exists for settling disputes between them, he continued. Such an agreement would provide for information gathering and exchange, and would set a framework for consultation, in order to pre-empt the growing number of legal wrangles that risk souring economic ties.

Sir Leon: 'interests overlap'

The move could help allay fears that Brussels will use its growing anti-trust muscle beyond Community boundaries to protect European interests.

Sir Leon's spokesman in Brussels said that newly agreed EC powers to control large-scale company mergers, which come into force on September 21, gave added urgency to the Commissioner's treaty plans.

"Many mergers of American and other international companies will come under the new EC regulation, and there is clearly bound to be a certain overlap of interest between the Community and the United States," he said.

A treaty could clarify where global company link-ups stand *vis-à-vis* EC and American law, and could establish how far EC decisions might have repercussions beyond Community frontiers, and vice-versa. America was jolted by a European Court of Justice ruling last year which confirmed Brussels had the right to confiscate assets of non-EC companies if they were found to be involved in price cartels on the European market.

Speaking to the EC Chamber of Commerce in New York, Sir Leon admitted that an arbitration clause would meet formidable political obstacles. He was looking for a first nod of approval from the American authorities, but he vowed to pursue his plans irrespective of how they were initially received.

## Clearing time cut by Abbey

By Lindsay Cook
Family Money Editor

ABBEY NATIONAL has taken another step towards becoming a fully fledged clearing bank. It has reduced the time it takes to clear cheques from seven calendar days to four working days for its two cheque accounts. The high street banks quote three to four days to clear cheques and advise customers not to write cheques until they have balances to cover them.

Under the new system, a cheque paid into an Abbey branch on a Monday will be available on Friday.

The Abbey, which suffered substantial losses through a student cheque fraud in the Eighties, had maintained its seven-day clearing when it launched its cheque accounts two years ago.


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# GrandMet seeks new retail business for franchising side

From Martin Waller, Farmington, Connecticut

GRAND METROPOLITAN is seeking a new retail business to add to its franchise-based operations, which include the Burger King hamburger chain.

However, the drinks group — showing a party of London analysts round its US businesses this week — is keen not to be seen as being in acquisition mode.

It has stressed that any retail expansion would not involve a massive cash outlay — it may even choose to start a new business from scratch.

The company also stressed its commitment to Pearle, its spectacles retail business in the US, which has been seen in some quarters as sitting oddly with GrandMet's core activities. Some analysts have suggested it might be sold.

Mr David Tagg, the main board director in charge of retail and property, said there was no question of selling or floating Pearle, which expects to double sales from a forecast $750 million in 1990 over the next three years.

He said the intention was to build the retail side further by bolting on another retail area which would be run along the same franchise lines as Burger King and Pearle. Mr Tagg said the new retail area could well be just as different as spectacles and burgers.

The spectacles business will need another $300 million to $450 million in annual sales, or between 200 and 300 stores, before it reaches the necessary critical mass in the US market over the next four or five years.

But Pearle is keen to expand into Europe. It has a toehold in the Netherlands and will open its first store in West Germany soon. Britain has been ruled out because of the retail slump which coincided with a downturn in spectacles sales after the Government withdrew free sight-testing last year. The first store in Taiwan is likely to open later this year. Asia and the Chinese market are seen as priorities.


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| | Half year to 24/11/89 £000 | Half year to 25/11/88 £000 | Year to 26/5/89 £000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 12,085 | 13,768 | 24,682 |
| Profit (Loss) before tax | (252) | 426 | 837 |
| Tax (Charge) credit | 88 | (157) | (323) |
| Profit (Loss) after tax | (164) | 269 | 514 |
| Earnings (Loss) per share | (1.29p) | 2.12p | 4.06p |

- Company carrying record stockholdings of presold stock. UK factories producing at record levels with order books full through into the Autumn.
- Presold production running at a rate of £600,000 per week since the beginning of 1990. A sales increase in the order of 20% anticipated for calendar year.
- High interest rates, delay in settlement of consequential loss claim, expanding production & high stock levels all contributed to interest charges in excess of £525,000.
- Supply difficulties and uncertainties in China resulted in lost sales of around £2 million in silk garments in the first half. However, these problems have been overcome and as silk now has a much wider public appeal I anticipate our long term investment will create profits in the ensuing years.
- I am confident of the satisfactory outcome of arbitration at the end of April and very much regret the detrimental effect on the recovery and expansion of the Group caused by unwarranted delays in settlement by the insurers.

Colin Radin, *Chairman*

# 'No changes' at Wang after founder's death

By Melinda Wittstock

WALL STREET has ruled out any changes in the management or ownership of Wang Laboratories, the loss-making US minicomputer manufacturer whose founder, Dr An Wang, aged 70, died on Saturday.

It was reportedly "business as usual" at the company in Lowell, Massachusetts, with no signs of the boardroom struggle that, more often than not, follows the death of a family-controlled company's founder.

Wall Street analysts and corporate financiers said there is little likelihood that Wang, which reported a $424.3 million loss on sales of $2.87 billion in the year to end-June, will be taken over for some time.

Mr Marc Schulman, a computer industry analyst with UBS Securities in New York, said: "No one is interested. It's like climbing into a ship with a hole in the bottom. When that has finally been plugged, maybe someone will be interested."

Mr George Elling, a computer industry analyst with Merrill Lynch in New York, said: "Even if the family did decide it wanted to sell out, it is highly questionable who would want to buy it now."

With the shares languishing at just $6 yesterday, down from a $42.50 high in 1984, it is highly unlikely the Wang family could be persuaded to sell out.

Mr Frederick Wang, who resigned as president and chief operating officer to make way last August for Mr Richard Miller, a former executive of General Electric, confirmed that the family will continue to back Mr Miller's restructuring programme while maintaining its controlling stake.

The Wang family, together with directors and top managers, controls 82.8 per cent of the company's publicly-quoted Class C voting stock and 22.9 per cent of the quoted non-voting Class B shares. In a statement, Mr Wang said: "The Wang family believes the long-term plan now being implemented to return the company to profitability will achieve its objectives, and that implementation of the plan remains the best means through which to maximize stockholders' value in the company."

Wang, which pioneered electronic calculators, user-friendly word processors and small business computers, first ran into trouble when it chose to ignore the arrival of the IBM personal computer.

It has been hit by the worldwide slump in computer sales.

# CCF in talks on funds manager

By Jeremy Andrews

CRÉDIT COMMERCIAL de France, the country's ninth largest bank, is in negotiations with Throgmorton Trust about buying Framlington, Throgmorton's fund-management subsidiary.

However, Mr Anthony Greayer, CCF's chief executive in Britain, denied that his bank's interest was connected with the rows at Framlington which have led to a number of resignations in recent months.

Although CCF has an extensive branch network in France and 30 other countries, half the bank's profits come from its investment banking and fund-management businesses. It has $13 billion under management, most of which is money market funds within Europe.

A fortnight ago, it announced its intention to acquire a fund manager in London to form the nucleus of an international fund-management operation.

Framlington was set up 21 years ago to manage unit trusts by Laurence Prust, the stockbroker, who floated it on the stock market in 1983. Laurence Prust's institutional broking business was acquired by CCF in 1985 and the private client business was merged with Framlington in return for a 28.8 per cent stake.

Meanwhile, Throgmorton Trust, an investment trust, had acquired a 15 per cent holding in Framlington in return for its fund-management side.

After the stock market crash, Throgmorton launched a £70 million bid for Framlington on the back of the two stakes.

Although successful, the bid was acrimonious and was followed by the departure of several senior figures at Framlington.

Mr Greayer emphasized that CCF was in discussions with possible vendors of a number of fund-management groups.

In November, Framlington had more than £2.4 billion under management.

Throgmorton's latest accounts show Framlington made profits of £6.07 million before tax in the 12 months to November, compared to £6.47 million in the previous 17 months. Mr Paul Loach, the managing director, said annual fees had risen by 44 per cent since June 1987, compared with a 26 per cent rise in gross revenues.

## COMMENT

# A princely penny for Laing's revaluation

The sparkling property revaluation from Laing Properties at the tail end of last week brought a pretty humble response in the stock market at the start of the new account yesterday. In theory, this is the account when Pall Mall, the joint Peninsular & Oriental/Chelsfield bid vehicle, is most likely to raise its takeover offer. Last week, Laing produced a revaluation of 910p a share, with a further development surplus, if all goes according to plan, of 73p a share.

Yet the Laing Properties' share price slumped all the way down from 683p to 651p, a princely penny above the 650p-a-share cash on offer from Pall Mall. The movement gave off two conflicting signals: either that the bid will fail and that the 651p reached last night is merely a staging post in the shares' journey back to the 450p they might command without a bid at all, or that the offer will succeed after a slight raising of the price. But there is another, clearer, signal in that property valuations produced in the middle of bid battles are given limited credibility by the market.

In the case of Laing Properties, the weak spot is the United States portfolio. Nearly 30 per cent of the portfolio value is locked up in the US, nearly all of that in developments under way and in sites. US developments are valued at £120 million, but require a further £104 million to complete and let them. According to the valuers, the aggregate value of those developments when completed would be £156 million, or £68 million less than the current value plus the costs to come. It is only when the properties are both completed and let that the full latent value comes out and the valuation cruises past the present worth to £254 million.

The US real estate market is, if not in tatters, looking decidedly threadbare. In New York, as can be seen by the Berisford write-offs, the market is in a severe cyclical downswing while in many other states values are being knocked for six by the crisis in the savings and loans industry which has dumped billions of dollars of real estate on to the market.

Most of this would have been built into the valuations by the US appraisers and this is no doubt why it is costing more to acquire and complete the US property portfolio than it will be worth on completion without lettings. But in addition to the portfolio under development, there is a bundle of sites where development is not yet under way. Their valuation, which appears to be included in Laing's package at £116 million, is even more difficult than valuing developments in progress, given that the site value is a residual of a series of calculations which begin with the estimated completed value and make deductions for the costs of getting from vacant lot to finished building.

Pall Mall has the rest of the week to decide whether or not to increase the offer. If it wishes to be sure of winning, it needs to raise the terms. But, given the uncertain state of the US market and the declining Laing price, it need not add much to clinch it. Cash, after all, is king.

# Sydney needs a real remedy

Down Under, there is a dark spirit substitute called Claytons marketed by luminaries such as Paul Hogan as "the drink you have when you're not having a drink". The term was extended to the political arena at the weekend when Australia had a Claytons election. There was a vote but no outcome and the tip is that there will either be a hung parliament or a return of the Labor Government led by Prime Minister Bob Hawke with a majority of two seats. Political survival will depend on Labor MPs refusing to die and resisting the temptation to resign.

Whatever the outcome, such a slim margin for error is bad news for Australia's already battered share market. Foreign investors, who re-embraced bluechip Aussie shares in the New Year, look stuck for a while and uncertainty will not encourage more investment. Aggressive and constructive change in economic policy will take a back seat as both sides jockey for position, and economists will continue to say Australia is a nation with first-world living standards based on a third-world trade profile.

Both the Labor Party and the conservative Liberal Party have said they want to see interest rates of almost 20 per cent fall soon and that is bad news for the Australian dollar, which already has tumbled half a cent to US74.5 cents since polling day.

Longer term, a lower dollar — at least 10 per cent lower — is good news for the country's resources companies, which will produce higher profits after the currency translation. Indeed, base-metals companies such as BHP, CRA and Renison Goldfields are the true drinks in a parched market. Buoyant demand, aided for example by the needs of Eastern Europe, should see to that even though gold stocks will be hit by the precious metal's US$60 fall over the past month.

Australia's key market indicator, the All Ordinaries Index, eased 7 points to 1,567.4 on Monday based on paltry turnover of Aus$90 million. Investors are walking on eggshells in what was already a subdued market. To inspire confidence offshore Australia must junk the Claytons and bring out the real medicine.

**David Brewerton**

# Head of airline resigns

THE HEAD of London City Airways, Mr Jonathan Wilson, has resigned after mounting losses forced the handover of a main route to this fledgling airline's arch-rival, Brymon.

Mr Wilson helped to develop three scheduled services from London City Airport and during recent months saw a steady improvement in the number of passengers carried to both Paris and Brussels.

Flights to Amsterdam, however, proved difficult to fill

## Parkland fall

SHARES IN Parkland Textiles of Bradford dropped 25p to 215p after a warning that profits would slump by about 20 per cent this year.

## Memec lower

MEMEC, THE systems components group, saw pre-tax profits tumble by a fifth to £6.7 million in 1989. The total dividend rises to 6p (5.2p) on earnings per share of 15.85p (19.9p).

## Ramar loss

RAMAR TEXTILES plunged to a loss of £164,000 at the interim stage to November compared with pre-tax profits of £426,000 last time. Again there is no interim dividend on a loss per share of 1.29p (eps 2.12p).

## Minorco wins

MINORCO HAS secured 98 per cent of Freeport-McMoRan Gold of the US following its offer.

Peter Tom: reporting a difficult year, but confident about future progress

# Bardon produces £12m

BARDON GROUP, the quarrying and building products group, reports pre-tax profits of £12.1 million on sales of £98.5 million in the nine months to the end of December, against £12.9 million for the year to end-March 1989, on turnover of £165.7 million (Philip Pangalos writes).

Earnings per share of 10.14p for the period compare with 10.1p for the previous year, with fully diluted earnings at 9.64p (9.86p) reflecting September's £16 million rights issue. A final dividend of 1.9p, makes 2.86p for the nine months, compared with 3.18p for the year to end-March. Mr Peter Tom, the chairman, said conditions had been difficult on both sides of the Atlantic, stemming from high British interest rates, increased raw material costs and the economic uncertainty in Massachusetts. But he remained confident about medium-to-long-term progress.

British turnover was 85 per cent of that in the previous year, with profits reaching 98 per cent.

Mr Tom said the market for quarry materials was particularly tight. Profit margins at the building products division, which had static turnover, were reduced due to a shortfall in the concrete company, affected by rising cement prices and lower demand.

Mr Tom said the American operations, which account for 28 per cent of group profits and 47 per cent of turnover, produced lower results than expected due to adverse climatic and economic conditions.

Interest costs were reduced from £5.37 million to £3.75 million, with gearing down from 129 per cent to 59 per cent. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits of £13.5 million for 1990. The shares firmed by 1p to 162p.

# Panfida blames high rates for loss

By Our City Staff

PANFIDA, the Australian-controlled retail and property company that operates the 850-strong Martins chain of newsagent and convenience stores in Britain, has fallen into a £7.1 million pre-tax loss for the six months to end-December.

The company blamed the loss — down from last year's £561,000 interim pre-tax profit — on high British interest rates and the resulting downturn in consumer spending.

Panfida paid £13.5 million interest during the period, on borrowings down from £245 million last June to a current £200 million, while the Martin Retail Group (MRG) reported an after-tax loss of £2.67 million.

The company reported a loss per share of 8.3p compared with earnings per share of 4.2p last time. There is no interim dividend payout to shareholders, who received 0.5p last time.

Panfida also announced it had granted Meldew, the private Australian property company, an option to buy its 35 per cent stake in CRI, an Australian property development and management business, for Aus$25 million (£12 million) before June 30.

The proposed sale of the CRI stake, as well as the planned sale of TOC Retail, Panfida's US convenience store chain, is expected to cut borrowings by more than half.

The company reported an extraordinary net gain of £12.7 million, mainly as a result of the recent sale of Munford, its other US convenience store chain. Last month, Panfida paid £8.2 million for the the 47 per cent of MRG it did not already own.

As part of the same deal, it is raising £10 million through the sale of up to 31.3 per cent of its shares to News International, the publisher of *The Times*, at 35p a share. News International will have voting rights on 29.9 per cent of the shares.

Panfida fell 4p to 16p.

# ConsGold and the snakepit

RTZ AND Minorco would have been the joint bidders for British mining house Consolidated Gold Fields in the summer of 1986 had a takeover and break-up plan, conceived by American investment bank Merrill Lynch, materialized. A book by Bill Jamieson, a City journalist, to be published by Hutchinson Business Books on April 5, on the battle for ConsGold — *Goldstrike! The Oppenheimer Empire in Crisis* — reveals that the code name used by RTZ and Minorco for the scheme was "Operation Snakepit," because each would take various parts of ConsGold once "the victim was in the pit." The RTZ-Minorco plan came to nought, and eventually Minorco took on ConsGold in its own right only to lose out to Hanson. The original plan was that RTZ would have taken the aggregates business, ARC, since it was not interested in sitting on minority shareholdings with no cash flow. One other interesting bid battle snippet, also revealed in *Goldstrike!*, is a description of Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold's chairman, who regularly sought relaxation by taking his labrador dog, Augusta, for long walks. Concluding that Augusta must have become a very wise dog indeed during the course of Britain's biggest takeover, Jamieson quotes Agnew as saying: "I tell Augusta everything. We have long discussions. The Takeover Panel would not at all approve."

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

# On a good day . . .

**RUGBY-PLAYING Tony O'Reilly, the chairman of Heinz, has become a legend in his own lifetime in Irish sporting circles. Tales about him abound. An informant, hot-foot from Saturday's international match in Dublin, tells me that he overheard talk of the time O'Reilly visited the headmaster of Clongeswood, a fine boarding school a few miles west of the Irish capital, in the hope of his two sons being admitted there. The headmaster, somewhat apologetically, said that, despite O'Reilly's reputed wealth, he had formally to ensure that he had the ability to pay the school fees, and thus requested his personal assurance that he was earning at least £10,000. "Well . . .," came O'Reilly's considered reply. "Some days I do and some days I don't."**

## ICI outsider

FOR THE first time in 43 years, ICI has appointed a finance director from outside the firm. Colin Short, aged 56, a long-time oilman, has been poached from Chevron, where he has been the company treasurer based in San Francisco. Before that Short, born in Carmarthen, was a key member of the defence team which saw off a T Boone Pickens takeover bid for Gulf Oil in 1983, where Short was chief financial officer. The friendly merger between Gulf and Chevron came later. Moving to London in June, Short will take over from Alan Clements when he reaches retirement age at the end of the year.

"Who's taking the mikkei?"

## Egg on

AT THE birthday party for the 1,000th issue of James Capel's *Mining Review* yesterday, one fund manager who should perhaps remain nameless gave Julian Baring, the firm's gold guru, a Cadbury's *Creme Egg*. My man on the scene wanted to know: "Why such a small Easter egg?" "Because it is all mushy inside — just like some of the recommendations that Julian has given us down the years," quipped the jovial client.

## Sunken dreams

BRITAIN'S highest-paid businessman, property developer Paul Sykes — he pays himself £6 million a year — may yet rue the day that he bought his North Yorkshire home from Neil Balfour, chairman of York Trust, the quoted financial services group. Sykes bought the Studley Royal stables, complete with country mansion and situated in the deer park at Fountains Abbey — the National Trust site which also houses the ruins of what was once Britain's foremost Cistercian abbey — for £1 million. Now he is spending an equally large sum renovating the property before moving in. But his desire to create a sunken garden next to the stables has run up against a problem — in the form of Harrogate Borough Council, which will consider his application on April 10. According to local sources, the signs are not good. An archaeological dig on the site ear-marked for the sunken garden is unearthing important remains, not least those of a 15th century village and the old road from Ripon to Pateley Bridge. All this must be decidedly tiresome for Sykes whose reputation for achieving things in a hurry has earned him the nickname "Powerhouse Paul." And, ironically, it is he who is footing the bill for the £20,000 10-week excavation.

● NOW we know. A notice on a truck in London's Marylebone Road at the weekend announced: "This is the lorry it all fell off of."

**Carol Leonard**


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# Investors still wary despite Nikkei rally

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

JAPAN'S financial markets continued to taunt monetary officials and baffle investors as the yen sank to its lowest level in more than three years, and share prices, catching their breath after their recent slide, climbed nearly 1,500 points in the stock market's second biggest rally.

The dollar climbed Y1.33 to Y156.4, its highest point for 38 months, driven by the failure of the weekend talks in Los Angeles between US and Japanese finance ministers to convince dealers that a miracle cure had been found for Japan's headaches.

Dealers are wary of reading much into the Nikkei stock index's 1,468.33-point rise yesterday to 31,840.49, and there is no strong feeling that the market's plunge is over, even if few expect dramatic further falls from the currently depressed levels.

The hastily called talks between Mr Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Finance Minister, and Mr Nicholas Brady, the American Treasury Secretary, failed to produce any hint that the US was unhappy with a muscular dollar, or to warn speculators not to treat the yen as a one-way bet. This served to convince currency markets that Tokyo was being left to struggle alone.

The limp, two-paragraph communiqué that finally emerged further pulled the rug from under Mr Hashimoto, who was hoping to return to Tokyo boasting of a new international accord.

*The yen now looks likely to* remain the favourite whipping boy of world currency markets. Many dealers predict a slide to Y160 to the dollar as speculators test the resolve of the Bank of Japan to raise interest rates again.

The dilemma is that the higher borrowing costs needed to stabilize the yen could knock investors' confidence in the stock market just when it may be about to calm down.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

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| **BPP HOLDINGS** (Fin)<br>*Pre-tax*: £3.23m (£1.70m)<br>*EPS*: 13.5p (10.8p)<br>*Div*: 3.25p, mkg 5.25p | Last year's total dividend was 4.2p. Company said that every part of the business produced record sales and profits. Turnover £21.1m (£10.2m). |
| **BEDFORD (WILLIAM)** (Fin)<br>*Pre-tax*: £0.26m (£0.29m)<br>*EPS*: 3.3p (4.2p)<br>*Div*: 1p, mkg 1p (1p) | Turnover £3.04m (£2.72m). Lower margins led to the fall in profit. Turnover for first two months of current year down 52 per cent. |
| **BOSTROM** (Fin)<br>*Pre-tax*: £2.90 (£2.12m)<br>*EPS*: 24.1p (19.2p)<br>*Div*: 3.5p, mkg 5.75p | Total dividend is an increase of 13 per cent over total which board would have recommended in 1988 if *enlarged capital had been in issue.* |
| **COMPUTER PEOPLE** (Fin)<br>*Pre-tax*: £4.22m (£3.23m)<br>*EPS*: 21.80p (17.84p)<br>*Div*: 4.1p, mkg 5.85p | Last year's total dividend was 4.85p. Turnover advanced by 49 per cent to £69.9 million. It was another year *of strong organic growth in Britain.* |
| **SYKES-PICKAVANT** (Fin)<br>*Pre-tax*: £1.58m (£1.72m)<br>*EPS*: 10.96p (12.86p)<br>*Div*: 3.5p, mkg 5.75p | Last year's total dividend was 5.75p. There was an extraordinary charge of £485,000, relating to relocation of the Vitrex DIY business. |
| **TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**<br>*Pre-tax*: £1.71m (£1.18m)<br>*EPS*: 23.2p (16.0p)<br>*Div*: 5p, mkg 7.2p (5p) | *Final results. Board says the management will continue to exercise careful cost controls.* Turnover up 29.6 per cent to £14.1m. |

STOCK MARKET

# Stronger sterling gives boost to equity prices

PRICES STARTED the account on a firm note cheered by a stronger pound and futures-related buying of the *FT-SE 100* index.

The Chancellor's encouraging comments about interest rates over the weekend and Tokyo's second biggest one-day gain ever boosted sentiment. The equity market was squeezed higher in thin trading, which saw only 353 million shares dealt in. The index was 23 points up before closing 14.3 higher at 2,298.2. The FT index of 30 shares rose 17.4 to 1,813.5.

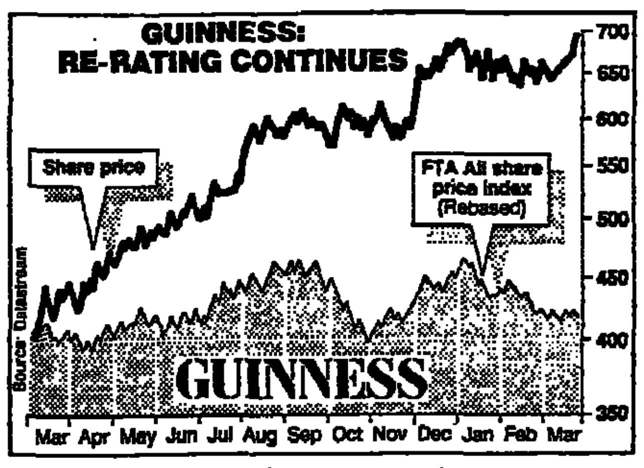
The FT-SE futures contract tempted a few buyers at lower levels to test conditions. It was trading at a small premium ahead of the expiry of the March contract on Friday.

A firmer pound eased pressure on interest rates and enabled government securities to sport gains stretching to £1¼ at the longer end.

Blue chips with figures due soon attracted selective support. **Lucas Industries** rose 7p to 625p, **Bowater** 10p to 455p, **Polly Peck** 7p to 400p and **Hawker Siddeley** 4p to 654p.

**Guinness**, the brewing and distilling group, continued to make the most of last week's full-year results which exceeded even the most optimistic forecasts with pre-tax profits soaring from £521 million to £691 million. The shares rose 8p to a peak of 698p as their re-rating continued.

Analysts have been raising their profit estimates for the current year. Barclays de Zoete Wedd has lifted its to £832 million and is also predicting £1 billion in 1991.




Its says the annual earnings growth of more than 20 per cent means that the shares should continue to outperform the rest of the market.

GEC managed to shrug off another profits downgrading to finish 3p better at 208p. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, has trimmed its estimate for the current year by £25 million to £885 million. Last year, the group made £797 million. County is the latest of a number of brokers to reduce its forecast. GEC has been sending out a signal to the City that some of its expectations were too high following the acquisition of various parts of Plessey.

Bid hopes sent **Lancaster**, the Honda and Jaguar motor distributor, soaring 56p to 135p. It is in talks which could lead to an offer. Jameel, the Saudi Arabian group, failed recently to win control of the Ford and Rover dealer **Hartwell**, unchanged at 158p.

Shares in **Equity & General**, a rival motor trader, were suspended at 20p. Talks are underway which may have a "significant impact" on the group which said last month that it was looking for a buyer for its financial services division. ICS Investments, a private company, has increased its holding in Equity & General to 2.9 million shares, or 10.56 per cent.

Hopes of a higher offer appear to be fading at **Laing Properties** where the price tumbled 32p to 651p following last week's bigger-than-expected asset revaluation. The eventual figure of 910p a share was well above most predictions of 825p and seems *to make an increased bid from* P&O and the private property company, Chelsfield, less likely. P&O rose 10p to 617p

**Blacks Leisure**, the sportswear retailer, jumped 12p to 72p in a thin market. Dealers say that sales of its prestigious LA Gear sportswear range for which it has the franchise in this country are head of budget and that further good news on the trading front is expected. The price has now risen 30p in the past 10 days following a fall of similar proportions last month.

*Shares of* **London United**, the insurance group, were frozen at 30p after the company announced its subsidiaries had suspended underwriting activities and had even halted payment of claims because of "financial uncertainties." The Department *of Trade and Industry* has also moved to stop its Walbrook subsidiary taking on new insurance business. The news failed to affect the rest of the sector with rises seen in **General Accident**, 18p to £10.79, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 8p to 233p, **Royal Insurance**, 15p to 498p and **Sun Alliance**, 5p to 296p.

**William Low**, the supermarket chain, rose 12p to 302p, after announcing that talks with Isosceles, the Gateway supermarket chain, to buy some of its northern stores had broken down. Low had linked-up with the Co-operative Wholesale Society to buy 81 of the stores.

**Michael Clark**

**MEPC ROSE 4p to 490p, helped by a buy recommendation from Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. Worries about its big City development programme should be offset by good news from the company and the knowledge that the 51 per cent discount between the share price and the asset value allows for a significant fall which is unlikely to materialize. The broker is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits this year of £22.5 million to £150 million.**

WALL STREET

# Dow climbs 22 points

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 22 points to 2,726.28 in early trading. Shares generally responded to the overnight rally in Tokyo. Futures-relayed buying helped the cash market to gain.

The nearby MMI contract opened at a sharp premium to cash stocks, leading to buying of underlying issues, most of which are in the Dow average.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 39.86 up at 3,014.02. The broader-based Hong Kong index advanced 25.79 to 1,978.17. The market romped up to the highest point seen since the crackdown on June 4 in China.

● **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index jumped 18.66 to an all-time high of 1,604.08.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index ended 7.41 higher at 1,939.53.

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| Abbott Lab | 64¼ | 63¾ | Enron | 53 | 52¾ | Oryx Enrgy | 45⅜ | 46⅜ |
| Aetna Life | 49⅛ | 48½ | Entergy | 20⅜ | 20 | Pac Ent | 46⅜ | 45⅜ |
| Ahmanson | 17¾ | 17¾ | Ethyl | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | Pac Gas Elec | 21⅜ | 21⅜ |
| Air Prods | 50⅞ | 49¾ | Exxon | 46⅜ | 46⅜ | Pac Telesis | 46 | 44⅜ |
| Albertsons | 54⅜ | 54⅜ | Fed NMA | 34½ | 34 | Paccar | 44 | 43 |
| Alcan Al | 21⅞ | 21⅞ | Fedrl Expre | 57⅜ | 55⅜ | Pacificorp | 22⅜ | 22⅜ |
| Alco Stand | 31⅞ | 31⅞ | Fl Norstar | 21⅜ | 21⅜ | Pall | 35⅜ | 35⅜ |
| Allied Signal | 36⅜ | 35⅞ | Fluor | 43⅜ | 43⅜ | Paramount | 44⅜ | 43⅜ |
| Alumin CA | 65⅜ | 65¾ | Ford Motor | 48⅜ | 48⅜ | Parker-Hanfn | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Am Brands | 64⅜ | 64⅞ | FPL | 32⅜ | 32⅜ | Penney | 68⅜ | 68⅜ |
| Am Cyanmd | 51⅞ | 51⅜ | Fst Chicago | 32⅜ | 31⅜ | Pennzoil | 80 | 80 |
| Am EPC | 30⅜ | 30⅜ | Fst Intrste | 33⅜ | 34⅜ | Pepsico | 83 | 81⅜ |
| Am General | 31⅞ | 31⅞ | Fst Union | 17⅜ | 17⅜ | Pfizer | 59⅜ | 58⅜ |
| Am Home | 89⅜ | 89⅜ | Gannett | 40⅜ | 40 | Phlps Pet | 25⅜ | 25⅜ |
| Am Intl | 94 | 93⅞ | Gen Cinema | 23⅜ | 23⅜ | Phlps Elec | 17⅜ | 17⅜ |
| Am Medical | 4⅜ | 4⅜ | Gen Elec | 64⅜ | 63⅜ | Philp Morris | 38⅜ | 38⅜ |
| Am Stores | 61⅛ | 62 | Gen Mills | 72 | 70⅜ | Phlps Dodge | 58⅜ | 60 |
| Amax | 26⅜ | 25¾ | Gen Motors | 47⅜ | 46⅜ | Pitney Bow | 46⅜ | 46⅜ |
| Amer Hess | 47⅜ | 47 | Gen RE | 83⅜ | 82⅜ | Plcr Dome | 17⅜ | 17⅜ |
| Ameritech | 59⅜ | 60⅜ | Gen Signal | 54⅜ | 53⅜ | PNC Fncl | 40⅜ | 39⅜ |
| Amex | 28⅜ | 27 | Genentech | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | Pnhdle Estn | 27⅜ | 27⅜ |
| Amoco | 52⅜ | 52⅜ | Genuine Pts | 38 | 38 | Polaroid | 47 | 46⅜ |
| AMP | 52⅜ | 52 | Georgia-Pac | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | PPG Inds | 42⅜ | 42⅜ |
| AMR | 65⅜ | 65 | Gillette | 52⅜ | 51⅜ | Prctr Gmble | 67⅜ | 67⅜ |
| Anheuser-B | 36⅜ | 37⅞ | Goodrich | 40⅜ | 40⅜ | Price | 40⅜ | 40 |
| Apple Comp | 42⅜ | 42⅜ | Goodyear | 37⅜ | 37⅜ | Primerica | 27⅜ | 27⅜ |
| Archer-Dan | 22⅜ | 21⅞ | Grace | 30½ | 30 | Pub Service | 26 | 26 |
| Arkla | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | Greyhound | 30⅜ | 30⅜ | Quaker Oats | 47⅜ | 47⅜ |
| Armstrong | 35 | 34⅞ | Gt Atlantic | 52⅜ | 52⅜ | Ralston Pur | 84⅜ | 83⅜ |
| Asarco | 28⅜ | 29 | Gt Nor Nek | 65⅜ | 65⅜ | Raychem | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Ashland Oil | 36⅜ | 35⅜ | Gt Western | 16⅜ | 16⅜ | Raytheon | 63⅜ | 63⅜ |
| AT&T | 41⅜ | 41⅞ | GTE | 64 | 63 | Reebok | 17⅜ | 17⅜ |
| Atlan Richfld | 114⅜ | 114⅜ | Halliburtn | 45⅜ | 45⅜ | Roadway | 40 | 39⅜ |
| Auto DP | 52⅞ | 52⅞ | Heinz | 31⅜ | 30⅜ | Rockwell | 22⅜ | 22⅜ |
| Avery Intl | 26⅜ | 26⅜ | Hercules | 35⅜ | 35⅜ | Rohm Haas | 32⅜ | 32⅜ |
| Avon Prod | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Hershey Fd | 31⅜ | 31 | Royal Dutch | 76 | 75⅜ |
| Baltmore | 30⅜ | 29⅜ | Hewlett Pkd | 46⅜ | 46⅜ | Rubbermaid | 35⅜ | 35⅜ |
| Banc One | 28⅜ | 27⅜ | Hilton Htl | 51½ | 51⅜ | Rynlds Mtl | 54⅜ | 55 |
| Bankamerica | 28⅜ | 27⅜ | Home Depot | 46⅜ | 45⅜ | Safeco | 36 | 36⅜ |
| Bard | 15 | 15⅜ | Homestake | 17⅜ | 19⅜ | Salomon | 21⅜ | 21⅜ |
| Barnett Bl | 29⅜ | 29⅜ | Honeywell | 87 | 87⅜ | Sant Fe Pac | 19⅜ | 19⅜ |
| Bausch Lmb | 58⅜ | 58⅜ | Houston Ind | 33 | 32⅜ | Sara Lee | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Baxter Intl | 24⅜ | 24 | Hsehld Intl | 49⅜ | 49⅜ | Schecorp | 36⅜ | 36 |
| Bec Dickn | 80 | 80 | Humana | 39⅜ | 39⅜ | Schlumbgr | 49⅜ | 49⅜ |
| Bell Atlan | 92⅜ | 91⅜ | IBM | 105⅜ | 105 | Schrg-Plgh | 79⅜ | 78⅜ |
| Bellsouth | 54⅜ | 53⅜ | IF&F | 59⅜ | 59⅜ | Scott Papr | 45⅜ | 44⅜ |
| Bkr Hughes | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Illinois TW | 49 | 48⅜ | Seagram | 77⅜ | 76⅜ |
| Black Decker | 18 | 17⅜ | Inco | 25⅜ | 26 | Sears Rbk | 38⅜ | 38⅜ |
| Block | 36⅜ | 35⅜ | Ingsol-Rand | 55 | 54⅜ | Secrty Pac | 37⅜ | 37⅜ |
| Bnkrs Tst NY | 39½ | 38⅜ | Inland Steel | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Shrwn-Wllms | 36⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Boeing | 73⅜ | 73⅜ | Intel | 42⅜ | 42⅜ | Snap-on Tls | 32⅜ | 32⅜ |
| Boise Casc | 38⅜ | 38⅜ | Intl Paper | 51⅜ | 51⅜ | Southern | 25⅜ | 25⅜ |
| Borden | 33 | 32⅜ | ITT | 52⅜ | 52⅜ | Sovran | 34⅜ | 34⅜ |
| Brist-Myer | 52⅜ | 52⅜ | James River | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | St Paul | 60⅜ | 60⅜ |
| Browng-Fer | 35 | 34⅜ | Johnsn Jhsn | 56⅜ | 55⅜ | Stanley Wk | 35⅜ | 34⅜ |
| Burl Nth | 36⅜ | 36⅜ | K Mart | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Stone Cntr | 21⅜ | 21⅜ |
| CAI | 14⅜ | 14⅜ | Kellogg | 61 | 60⅜ | Sun Co | 36⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Campbell Sp | 50⅜ | 50⅜ | Karr-McGee | 50⅜ | 50⅜ | Suntst Bk | 21 | 21⅜ |
| Cap Cities | 509½ | 505⅜ | Kimbly-Clrk | 64⅜ | 63⅜ | Super Valu | 25⅜ | 25⅜ |
| Capital HC | 44⅜ | 45 | Kngnt-Rddr | 51⅜ | 52 | SW Bell | 56⅜ | 56 |
| Carolina | 43⅜ | 43⅜ | Lilly | 62⅜ | 61⅜ | Syntex | 50⅜ | 50⅜ |
| Caterpillar | 62 | 61⅜ | Limited | 41⅜ | 41⅜ | Sysco | 29⅜ | 28⅜ |
| CBS | 175 | 175⅜ | Lin Brdcstg | 80⅜ | 80 | Tandem | 26⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Central SW | 38 | 37⅜ | Lincln Nat | 53⅜ | 53⅜ | Tandy | 33⅜ | 33⅜ |
| Champion | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Litton Ind | 73⅜ | 73⅜ | Tele-comm | 14⅜ | 13⅜ |
| Chase Man | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Lockheed | 36⅜ | 36⅜ | Teledyne | 69 | 68⅜ |
| Chem Bnkg | 25 | 25 | Louis-Pac | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | Temple-In | 31⅜ | 31⅜ |
| Chevron | 67⅜ | 67⅜ | Manu Hano | 34 | 34⅜ | Tenneco | 67 | 67 |
| Chrysler | 17⅜ | 17⅜ | Marriott | 26⅜ | 27⅜ | Texaco | 59⅜ | 58⅜ |
| Chubb | 97⅜ | 98⅜ | Marsh Mclen | 68⅜ | 68⅜ | Texas Inst | 37⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Cigna | 49⅜ | 49⅜ | Martin Mar | 43⅜ | 42⅜ | Texas Util | 34⅜ | 34 |
| Citicorp | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | Masco | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | Textron | 23⅜ | 23⅜ |
| Clborne Liz | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | May Dept | 49⅜ | 48⅜ | Time Wrnr | 91⅜ | 91⅜ |
| Clorox | 38½ | 38½ | Maytag | 17⅜ | 17⅜ | Times Mirr | 34⅜ | 34⅜ |
| Cmwlth Edis | 34⅜ | 35⅜ | MCA | 51⅜ | 51⅜ | Timken | 29⅜ | 29⅜ |
| CNA Fincl | 73⅜ | 73⅜ | McDnl Doug | 55⅜ | 55⅜ | Torchmark | 48 | 47⅜ |
| Coastal | 30½ | 30⅜ | McDonalds | 31⅜ | 31⅜ | Toys R Us | 40⅜ | 40⅜ |
| Coca-Cola | 75 | 74⅜ | McGraw-Hill | 52⅜ | 52⅜ | Transam | 39⅜ | 39 |
| Colgate-Pal | 58⅜ | 59 | MCI Com | 36⅜ | 35⅜ | Travelers | 32⅜ | 32⅜ |
| Columb Gas | 45⅜ | 46 | Mead | 31⅜ | 31⅜ | Tribune | 43⅜ | 43⅜ |
| Compaq | 100 | 98⅜ | Medtronic | 81⅜ | 81⅜ | TRW | 51⅜ | 50⅜ |
| Conagra | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Melville | 46⅜ | 46⅜ | Tyco Lab | 47⅜ | 47⅜ |
| Cons Edis | 26⅜ | 26⅜ | Merck | 70⅜ | 69⅜ | UAL | 158⅜ | 157⅜ |
| Cons NG | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | Merll Lynch | 21⅜ | 21⅜ | Un Camp | 36⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Cons Rail | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | MM&M | 83⅜ | 83⅜ | Un Carbide | 21⅜ | 21⅜ |
| Cooper Ind | 41½ | 40⅜ | Mobil | 61⅜ | 61⅜ | Un Pacific | 69⅜ | 68⅜ |
| Corning | 46⅜ | 45⅜ | Monsanto | 109⅜ | 109 | Unilever | 77⅜ | 78⅜ |
| CPC Intl | 66⅜ | 66 | Moore | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Unisys | 15⅜ | 15⅜ |
| Crown Cork | 51⅜ | 50⅜ | Morgan | 35⅜ | 34⅜ | Unocal | 30⅜ | 30⅜ |
| CSX | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Motorola | 67 | 66⅜ | Upjohn | 39⅜ | 39⅜ |
| Dana | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | Nat Medical | 32⅜ | 32⅜ | US West | 73⅜ | 72⅜ |
| Dayton-Hud | 68⅜ | 67⅜ | Nat Service | 26⅜ | 26⅜ | Usair Gp | 30⅜ | 30⅜ |
| Deere | 71⅜ | 71⅜ | Navistar | 4⅜ | 4⅜ | USF&G | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Delta Air | 73⅜ | 72⅜ | NCNB | 39⅜ | 38⅜ | UST | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Deluxe | 30½ | 30 | NCR | 69⅜ | 69⅜ | USX | 35⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Detroit Ed | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | NED Bncp | 30⅜ | 30 | Utd Tech | 58⅜ | 58⅜ |
| Digital Eq | 78⅜ | 77⅜ | Newmnt Min | 46⅜ | 48⅜ | Utd Telcm | 38⅜ | 38⅜ |
| Dillard | 64 | 64 | Niagr Mhwk | 13 | 13⅜ | VF | 30⅜ | 30⅜ |
| Disney | 113⅜ | 114⅜ | Nike | 66⅜ | 63⅜ | Wal-Mart | 47⅜ | 46⅜ |
| Dominion | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | NL Indstrs | 18⅜ | 18⅜ | Walgreen | 42⅜ | 42⅜ |
| Donnelley | 44⅜ | 44⅜ | Nordstorm | 30⅜ | 29⅜ | Waste Mgmt | 33⅜ | 33⅜ |
| Dover | 36⅜ | 36⅜ | North Sthn | 38⅜ | 37⅜ | Wells Fargo | 70⅜ | 70⅜ |
| Dow Chem | 67⅜ | 67⅜ | Norton | 77⅜ | 78⅜ | Westg Elec | 75⅜ | 74 |
| Dow Jones | 28⅜ | 28⅜ | Norwest | 19⅜ | 19⅜ | Weyerhsr | 25⅜ | 25⅜ |
| Dresser Ind | 50⅜ | 49⅜ | Nthn St Pwr | 36⅜ | 36⅜ | Whirlpool | 30⅜ | 30⅜ |
| Du Pont | 38⅜ | 38⅜ | Nthn Telcm | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | Whitman | 26⅜ | 26 |
| Duke Pwr | 54⅜ | 54⅜ | NY Times | 24 | 24 | Winn-Dixie | 60⅜ | 60⅜ |
| Dun Bradst | 45⅜ | 45⅜ | Nynex | 81 | 81⅜ | Woolworth | 63⅜ | 63 |
| East Kodak | 38⅜ | 38⅜ | Occid Petrl | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | Wrigley | 49 | 49⅜ |
| Eaton | 56 | 55⅜ | Ohio Edi | 19⅜ | 19⅜ | Wrner-Lamb | 104⅜ | 103 |
| Emerson El | 39⅜ | 38⅜ | Oracle Sys | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | Xerox | 56 | 56½ |

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# Tokyo aids recovery in Sydney

**Sydney (Reuter)** — The second highest one-day gain in Tokyo helped the market to recover from a weaker start because of nervousness about the outcome of Saturday's federal election.

Shares closed steady on thin volume with the All-Ordinaries index unchanged at 1,567.4 after falling to a low of 1,557.3.

The All-Industrials index climbed 8 points after Tokyo's surge to end at 2,396.0, while the All-Resources dropped 5.3 to 930.4 and the gold marker tumbled 50.4 to 1,705.9.

One broker said: "There's not a lot of interest in the market. The uncertain election result had little impact overall, with most expecting the Hawke government to be returned."

The slight fall in the Australian dollar early in the day — also on uncertainty about the election result — had little effect on the share market.

Another broker said: "If the dollar continues to freefall, we should see a fairly bullish market."

## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| ABI Leisure (125p) | 118 −2 |
| ADG Group (14p) | 17 |
| Abtrust New Euro (100p) | 91 +1 |
| Abtrust Thai (100p) | 85 +4 |
| Analysis Hldgs | 20 +1 |
| Anglo Scan Inv Tst | 82 |
| Beta Global Emerg (100p) | 86 |
| Cafe Ins | 220 |
| Chartwell | 300 |
| Citybond | 215 |
| Courtaulds Textiles | 281 −4 |
| Dakota Gp Nw | 46 |
| Euromoney | 358 +5 |
| F&C German | 139 −1½ |
| *Fastforward* | 120 |
| First Ireland (100p) | 93 +1 |
| Gartmore Emerg Pacific | 57 |
| Goldsmmith | 127 +1 |
| Henderson Highland (100p) | 93 |
| Lon & New York (100p) | 89 |
| Mrtn Currie Euro (100p) | 43 |
| Midland Radio | 162 |
| Novalal (100p) | 99 |
| Oxford Virolgy | 52 −2 |
| Plateau Mining | 75 |
| Polysource | 8 |
| Sutton Water | 135 |
| TR High Inc (520p) | 106 |
| Torday & Carlisle (155p) | 156 −2 |
| Wiltshire Brew (70p) | 68 |

**See main listing for Water shares**

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Castle Comm N/P | 42 |
| Cityvision N/P | ¼ |
| GC Flooring N/P | 3 |
| Goodman N/P | ½ +¼ |
| Leigh Int N/P | 46 |
| Newman Tonks N/P | 2 −1 |
| Staveley N/P | 13 |

*(Issue price in brackets).*

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## ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADT | 587 | Coats | 2,153 | L&G | 778 | Sears | 970 |
| Abbey Nat | 3,632 | CU | 1,207 | Lloyds | 1,386 | Sedgwick | 486 |
| Alld-Lyons | 886 | Cookson | 1,446 | Lloyds Abb | 1,018 | Shell | 1,941 |
| Amstrad | 4,712 | Courtaulds | 1,889 | Lonrho | 1,014 | Siebe | 116 |
| ASDA | 1,641 | Dalgety | 545 | Lucas | 279 | Slough | 367 |
| AB Foods | 780 | Dixons | 878 | M&S | 3,480 | Smith & N | 1,737 |
| Argyll | 602 | ECC | 239 | Maxwell Cm | 728 | SK Beechm | 1,259 |
| BAA | 859 | Enterprise | 307 | MB Group | 825 | Do Uts | n/a |
| BET | 756 | Ferranti | 525 | Mecca | 1,314 | Smith WH | 497 |
| BTR | 2,072 | Fisons | 1,253 | MEPC | 367 | Smiths Ind | 723 |
| BAT | 961 | FKI | 6,166 | Midland | 610 | STC | 1,598 |
| Barclays | 2,061 | Gen Acc | 173 | Nat West | 1,963 | Stan Chart | 704 |
| Bass | 602 | GEC | 2,599 | Next | 3,526 | Storehse | 1,001 |
| Beazer | 31 | Glaxo | 1,427 | Nth Food | 767 | Sun Allnce | 924 |
| Berisfd Intl | 1,096 | Globe Inv | 397 | P&O | 519 | Sun Life | 2 |
| BICC | 322 | Glynwed | 343 | Pearson | 157 | T & N | 20 |
| Blue Arrow | 17 | Granada | 721 | Pilkington | 732 | TI Group | 134 |
| Blue Circle | 771 | Grand Met | 1,832 | Polly Peck | 2,047 | Tarmac | 2,190 |
| BOC | 1,034 | GUS 'A' | 79 | Prudential | 1,875 | Tate & Lyle | 819 |
| Boots | 2,045 | GRE | 1,204 | Racal | 2,327 | Taylor Wood | 587 |
| BPB | 377 | GKN | 281 | Racal Tele | 72 | TSB | 4,066 |
| Br Aero | 1,112 | Guinness | 1,783 | Rk Hovis | 279 | Tesco | 1,740 |
| Br Airways | 980 | Hamm 'A' | 91 | Rank | 518 | Thames Wtr | 1,179 |
| Br Comm | 1,036 | Hanson | 7,607 | R&C | 261 | Thorn EMI | 795 |
| Br Gas | 8,227 | Do Wts | 695 | Redland | 393 | Trafalgar | 389 |
| Br Land | 130 | H & C | 292 | Reed | 823 | THF | 1,137 |
| Br Petrol | 3,160 | Hawker | 943 | Reuters | 286 | Ultramar | 1,002 |
| Br Steel | 4,346 | Hillsdown | 977 | RMC Gp | 173 | Unigate | 398 |
| Br Telecom | 3,992 | IMI | 1,220 | RTZ | 1,786 | Unilever | 1,019 |
| Bunzl | 1,133 | ICI | 709 | R-Royce | 7,628 | United Bis | 1,297 |
| Burmah | 293 | Inchcape | 299 | Rothmn 'B' | 129 | Utd News | 569 |
| Burton | 2,073 | Kingfisher | 1,310 | Royal Bank | 2,541 | Wellcome | 743 |
| C&W | 1,060 | Lasmo | 316 | Royal Ins | 1,655 | Whitbrd | 396 |
| Cadbury | 2,027 | Ladbroke | 1,336 | Saatchi | 759 | Williams | 681 |
| Calor | 96 | Land Sec | 297 | Sainsbury | 574 | Willis Fab | 1,408 |
| Carlton | 701 | Laporte | 835 | Scot & N | 1,122 | Wimpey G | 206 |

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 19 | March 30 | June 21 | July 2 |

Call options were taken out on: 26/3/90 Amstrad, Perkins Foods, Royal Bank Of Scotland Wts, Broadwell Land, Ferranti, TSB, Monks & Crane, Next, Rutland Tst, Burton Group, Atlantic Res, Oliver Res, Bridgend Group.
Puts & Calls: Atlantic Res.

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|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 9.588 | +37 % |
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| Diluted earnings per share | 7.9p | +32 % |
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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rank Org (aa) | Industrials L-R | |
| 2 | GKN (aa) | Industrials E-K | |
| 3 | Allied-Lyons (aa) | Breweries | |
| 4 | Lucas (aa) | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 5 | Midland (aa) | Banks,Discount | |
| 6 | Blockleys | Building,Roads | |
| 7 | Alexon | Drapery,Stores | |
| 8 | Ranger | Oil,Gas | |
| 9 | Forminster | Drapery,Stores | |
| 10 | Mount Charlotte | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 11 | Eurocopy | Industrials E-K | |
| 12 | Berisford Intl (aa) | Foods | |
| 13 | Jardine Math | Industrials E-K | |
| 14 | Tarmac (aa) | Building,Roads | |
| 15 | Midsummer | Leisure | |
| 16 | Hawker Siddly (aa) | Industrials E-K | |
| 17 | Kingfisher (aa) | Drapery,Stores | |
| 18 | Wace | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 19 | Nat Aust Bk | Banks,Discount | |
| 20 | Bentalls | Drapery,Stores | |
| 21 | Redland (aa) | Building,Roads | |
| 22 | Westpac | Banks,Discount | |
| 23 | Kleen-EZe | Industrials E-K | |
| 24 | BET Ord (aa) | Industrials A-D | |
| 25 | Castle Comm | Leisure | |
| 26 | Independent | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 27 | Christies Int | Industrials A-D | |
| 28 | Steetley | Building,Roads | |
| 29 | BAA (aa) | Transport | |
| 30 | Capital Radio | Leisure | |
| 31 | Derwent Hldgs | Property | |
| 32 | BPP | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 33 | Brent Chems | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 34 | Assoc Br Ports | Transport | |
| 35 | Tate & Lyle | Foods | |
| 36 | BICC (aa) | Electricals | |
| 37 | Ryl Bk Scot (aa) | Banks,Discount | |
| 38 | Savoy Hotels 'A' | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 39 | Land Sec (aa) | Property | |
| 40 | Davy | Industrials A-D | |
| 41 | Tilbury Group | Building,Roads | |
| 42 | Aus New Z | Banks,Discount | |
| 43 | Rotork | Industrials L-R | |
| 44 | MEPC (aa) | Property | |
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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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Yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platunim prize was shared by three winners: Mrs Suzi Quadrat of Sneyd Park, Bristol; Mr Donald Harrison of Hurst Green, Blackburn: and Mr Adrian Whitworth of Warwick Square, London SW1, receive £666.66 each.

## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Good start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end April 6. §Contango day April 9. Settlement day April 17. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (Under Five Years)** | | | | | | | | |
| 94¾ | 87⅝ | Exch | 2½% | 1990 | 94⅜ | +⅛ | 2.6 | 11.727 |
| 98⅝ | 91⅞ | Treas | 3% | 1990 | 98⅜ | .. | 3.0 | 11.882 |
| 98⅛ | 91⅞ | Treas | 8% | 1990 | 98⅜ | .. | 8.3 | 11.893 |
| 98⅝ | 92⅝ | Treas | 8¼% | 1987-90 | 98⅛ | .. | 8.36 | 14.149 |
| 98⅛ | 92⅞ | Treas | 10% | 1990 | 97⅛ | ● .. | 10.2 | 12.404 |
| 91 | 86⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1991 | 90⅛ | +⅛ | 3.3 | 12.208 |
| 93⅞ | 88⅞ | Fund | 5¾% | 1987-91 | 93 | ●+⅛ | 6.1 | 13.298 |
| 94⅞ | 88 | Treas | 8% | 1991 | 90⅛ | +⅛ | 8.8 | 14.191 |
| 100⅜ | 90⅝ | Treas C | 10% | 1991 | 95⅛ | .. | 10.3 | 11.905 |
| 101⅛ | 88⅝ | Exch | 11% | 1991 | 95⅜ | ●+⅛ | 11.5 | 14.389 |
| 101⅞ | 92⅝ | Treas | 11¾% | 1991 | 97⅜ | +⅛ | 12.0 | 14.756 |
| 86⅝ | 82⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1992 | 83 | +⅛ | 3.6 | 12.008 |
| 94 | 85⅛ | Treas | 8% | 1992 | 89⅝ | ●+⅛ | 8.9 | 13.829 |
| 98⅞ | 90⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1992 | 93⅞ | +⅛ | 10.8 | 14.007 |
| 100⅝ | 91⅝ | Treas C | 10½% | 1992 | 94 | +⅛ | 10.6 | 11.243 |
| 105⅝ | 92 | Exch | 12¼% | 1992 | 97 | +⅛ | 12.8 | 13.718 |
| 106⅝ | 95⅝ | Treas | 12¾% | 1992 | 98 | +⅛ | 13.0 | 13.981 |
| 106⅝ | 94⅝ | Exch | 13½% | 1992 | 99⅝ | +⅛ | 13.5 | 13.841 |
| 88 | 81⅝ | Fund | 6% | 1993 | 82⅝ | +⅛ | 7.2 | 12.203 |
| 94⅝ | 86⅝ | Treas | 8¼% | 1993 | 87⅝ | +⅛ | 9.3 | 13.481 |
| 100⅝ | 87 | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 91⅝ | ●+⅛ | 10.9 | 13.351 |
| 108⅝ | 96⅝ | Treas | 12½% | 1993 | 97⅝ | +⅛ | 12.7 | 13.358 |
| 113⅝ | 100⅝ | Treas | 13¾% | 1993 | 101⅛ | +⅛ | 13.5 | 13.164 |
| 84⅝ | 85 | Treas | 8½% | 1994 | 88⅛ | +⅛ | 9.8 | 13.153 |
| 96⅝ | 85⅝ | Treas | 9% | 1994 | 86⅝ | +⅛ | 10.3 | 12.695 |
| 100⅝ | 86⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1994 | 90⅝ | +⅛ | 11.0 | 12.804 |
| 110⅝ | 98 | Exch | 12½% | 1994 | 98⅝ | +⅛ | 12.7 | 13.054 |
| 113⅝ | 94⅝ | Exch | 13½% | 1994 | 101⅛ | ●+⅛ | 13.3 | 13.112 |
| 117⅝ | 100⅝ | Treas | 14½% | 1994 | 104⅝ | +⅛ | 13.8 | 13.015 |
| **FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | | | |
| 79⅛ | 72 | Gas | 3% | 1990-95 | 74⅝ | ● .. | 4.0 | 9.871 |
| 101⅛ | 89 | Exch | 10¼% | 1995 | 90⅝ | +⅛ | 11.3 | 12.802 |
| 108⅝ | 95⅝ | Treas | 12% | 1995 | 98⅛ | +⅛ | 12.4 | 12.827 |
| 113⅝ | 98⅝ | Treas | 12¾% | 1995 | 99⅝ | +⅛ | 12.7 | 12.709 |
| 97⅛ | 83⅝ | Treas | 9% | 1992-96 | 85 | +⅛ | 10.5 | 12.620 |
| 101⅛ | 87 | Conv | 10% | 1996 | 89⅛ | +⅛ | 11.3 | 12.665 |
| 117⅛ | 98⅝ | Exch | 13¼% | 1996 | 101⅛ | +⅛ | 12.9 | 12.781 |
| 118⅝ | 102⅝ | Treas | 14% | 1996 | 104 | +⅛ | 13.4 | 12.920 |
| 128⅛ | 109 | Treas | 15¼% | 1996 | 110⅝ | +⅛ | 13.8 | 12.800 |
| 95⅛ | 81 | Treas | 8¾% | 1997 | 82⅝ | +⅛ | 10.5 | 12.412 |
| 104⅛ | 88⅝ | Exch | 10½% | 1997 | 90⅝ | +⅛ | 11.6 | 12.617 |
| 118⅛ | 100⅝ | Treas | 13¼% | 1997 | 102⅝ | +⅛ | 12.9 | 12.765 |
| 128⅛ | 102⅝ | Exch | 15% | 1997 | 110 | ●+⅛ | 13.5 | 12.838 |
| 84⅝ | 71⅝ | Treas | 6¾% | 1995-98 | 72⅝ | ●+⅛ | 9.2 | 12.042 |
| 100⅝ | 86 | Exch | 9¾% | 1998 | 86⅝ | +⅛ | 11.2 | 12.492 |
| 127⅝ | 95⅝ | Exch | 12% | 1998 | 96⅝ | +⅛ | 12.3 | 12.556 |
| 134⅝ | 111⅝ | Treas | 15½% | 1998 | 114⅝ | ●+⅛ | 13.5 | 12.668 |
| 100⅝ | 84⅝ | Treas | 9½% | 1999 | 85⅝ | +⅛ | 11.1 | 12.216 |
| 104⅝ | 88⅝ | Conv | 10¼% | 1999 | 88 | +⅛ | 11.6 | 12.423 |
| 105⅝ | 88 | Treas | 10½% | 1999 | 89⅝ | +⅛ | 11.7 | 12.458 |
| 115⅝ | 96⅝ | Exch | 12¼% | 1999 | 98⅝ | ●+⅛ | 12.4 | 12.568 |
| 94⅝ | 78 | Treas | 8½% | 2000 | 79⅝ | .. | 10.6 | 12.085 |
| 97⅝ | 80⅝ | Conv | 9% | 2000 | 82⅝ | .. | 10.9 | 12.118 |
| 122⅝ | 101⅝ | Treas | 13% | 2000 | 102⅝ | .. | 12.8 | 12.535 |
| 102⅝ | 80⅝ | Conv | 9¾% | 2001 | 90⅝ | .. | 11.4 | 12.185 |
| 103⅝ | 85⅝ | Treas | 10% | 2001 | 86⅝ | +⅛ | 11.5 | 12.218 |
| 91⅝ | 85⅝ | Treas | 10% | 2001 a | 86⅝ | .. | | |
| 124⅝ | 104⅝ | Treas | 14% | 1998-01 | 105⅝ | .. | 13.2 | 12.814 |
| 97⅝ | 79⅝ | Exch | 9% | 2002 | 80⅝ | .. | 11.1 | 11.985 |
| 102⅝ | 83⅝ | Treas | 9¾% | 2002 | 85⅝ | .. | 11.4 | 12.099 |
| 104⅝ | 84⅝ | Conv | 10% | 2002 | 87 | ●+⅛ | 11.4 | 12.078 |
| 114 | 98⅝ | Exch | 12% | 1999-02 | 102⅝ | .. | 12.4 | 12.699 |
| 105⅝ | 85⅝ | Treas | 10% | 2003 | 87⅝ | .. | 11.4 | 11.875 |
| 127 | 105⅝ | Treas | 13¾% | 2000-03 | 106⅝ | +⅛ | 12.8 | 12.583 |
| 59⅝ | 47⅝ | Fund | 3½% | 1999-04 | 48⅝ | +⅛ | 7.1 | 10.438 |
| 102⅝ | 80⅝ | Conv | 9½% | 2004 | 84⅝ | ● .. | 11.2 | 11.763 |
| 106⅝ | 88 | Treas | 10% | 2004 | 87⅝ | .. | 11.4 | 11.824 |
| 113⅝ | 93⅝ | Treas | 11½% | 2001-04 | 94⅝ | +⅛ | 12.1 | 12.358 |
| **OVER FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | | | |
| 103⅝ | 79⅝ | Conv | 9½% | 2005 | 84⅝ | ● .. | 11.2 | 11.712 |
| 111⅝ | 89⅝ | Exch | 10½% | 2005 | 91⅝ | +⅛ | 11.4 | 11.703 |
| 125⅝ | 101⅝ | Treas | 12½% | 2003-05 | 103⅝ | .. | 12.0 | 11.941 |
| 90⅝ | 72⅝ | Treas | 8% | 2002-06 | 73⅝ | ● .. | 10.8 | 11.610 |
| 95⅝ | 76⅝ | Treas | 8½% | 2007 | 78⅝ | +⅛ | 10.9 | 11.469 |
| 118⅝ | 96⅝ | Treas | 11¾% | 2003-07 | 98⅝ | .. | 11.9 | 11.952 |
| 101 | 78⅝ | Treas | 9% | 2008 | 81⅝ | ●+⅛ | 11.0 | 11.378 |
| 134⅝ | 108⅝ | Treas | 13½% | 2004-08 | 110⅝ | ●+⅛ | 12.1 | 11.898 |
| 92⅝ | 72⅝ | Treas | 8% | 2009 | 74⅝ | ●+⅛ | 10.8 | 11.325 |
| 102 | 80⅝ | Conv | 9% | 2011 | 82 | +⅛ | 10.9 | 11.266 |
| 68⅝ | 52⅝ | Treas | 5½% | 2008-12 | 54 | +⅛ | 10.1 | 11.096 |
| 88⅝ | 69⅝ | Treas | 7¾% | 2012-15 | 71⅝ | +⅛ | 10.8 | 11.162 |
| 132⅝ | 103⅝ | Exch | 12% | 2013-17 | 105⅝ | .. | 11.3 | 11.319 |

### BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 196 | 130 | Abbey National (aa) | 193 | 195 | ●+1 | 11.4 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| 350 | 334 | Bank Leumi UK | 335 | 355 | ● .. | 20.0 | 5.8 | 8.7 |
| 195 | 88 | Bank Of Scotland | 120 | 122 | .. | 5.3 | 4.4 | 6.7 |
| 259 | 149 | Chancery | 153 | 160 | +1 | 11.5 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| 47 | 10 | GPG | 22 | 25 | -1 | 0.3 | 1.3 | .. |

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 326 | 230 | Gerrard Nat | 273 | 275 | .. | 24.7 | 9.0 | 8.17 |
| 274 | 118 | Guinness Mahon | 145 | 150 | .. | 2.8 | 1.9 | 31.8 |
| 328 | 191¼ | Hambros | 273 | 280 | -1 | 13.7 | 4.9 | 11.0 |
| 60 | 39 | HK Shanghai | 55½ | 57½ | -½ | | | |
| 495 | 423 | Joseph (Leopold) | 445 | 470 | .. | 21.1 | 4.6 | 19.0 |
| 145 | 115 | King & Shaxson | 135 | 140 | +2 | 12.3 | 8.9 | 14.3 |
| 432 | 284 | Kleinwort Benson | 368 | 372 | ●-3½ | 21.3 | 5.8 | 9.4 |
| 307 | 213 | Lloyds (aa) | 295 | 298 | ●+8 | 17.7 | 6.0 | .. |
| 58 | 40 | Lon Scot Bk | 47 | 50 | .. | 3.2 | 6.5 | 10.2 |
| 405 | 290 | Midland (aa) | 343 | 347 | ●+6 | 24.0 | 7.0 | .. |
| 352 | 269 | Nat Aust Bk | 294 | 298 | +3 | | | |
| 365 | 256 | Nat West (aa) | 345 | 347 | ●+7 | 22.3 | 6.4 | 23.1 |
| 504 | 303 | Provident | 363 | 380 | ● .. | 27.3 | 7.1 | 9.1 |
| 83 | 39 | Rea Bros | 38 | 41 | -1 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 36.8 |
| 240 | 155 | Rothschild (J) Hld | 187 | 190 | -1 | 14.0 | 7.4 | 5.9 |
| 224 | 139 | Ryl Bk Scot (aa) | 188 | 191 | +3 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 10.0 |
| 78 | 870 | Schroders | 16 | 16½ | ● .. | 33.3 | 2.0 | 11.0 |
| 815 | 450 | Stand Chart (aa) | 535 | 540 | ●+½ | 46.7 | 8.7 | .. |
| 147 | 99 | TSB (aa) | 143 | 145 | ●+1 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 21.8 |
| 611 | 470 | Union Disc | 535 | 540 | .. | 44.0 | 8.2 | 29.1 |
| 525 | 278 | Warburg SG | 458 | 462 | .. | 17.7 | 3.8 | 14.5 |
| 179 | 98 | Do 6% 'A' | 150 | 153 | ● .. | 8.0 | 5.3 | .. |
| 56 | 33 | Wells Fargo | 43½ | .. | +½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 284 | 226 | Westpac | 241 | 245 | +4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 468 | 408 | Wintrust | 405 | 420 | ●-7 | 10.8 | 2.6 | 12.9 |

### BREWERIES

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 574 | 418 | Allied-Lyons (aa) | 461 | 465 | +5 | 20.9 | 4.5 | 12.0 |
| 11⅛ | 793 | Bass (aa) | 943 | 948 | -1 | 37.8 | 4.0 | 10.4 |
| 200 | 132 | Boddingtons | 133 | 137 | .. | 6.1 | 4.5 | 14.8 |
| 208 | 135 | Bulmer (H P) | 175 | 185 | +1 | 9.5 | 5.3 | 16.4 |
| 255 | 190 | Burtonwood Brew | 208 | 218 | .. | 4.7 | 2.2 | 24.3 |
| 450 | 358 | Clark (Matthew) | 353 | 363 | ●-2 | 17.7 | 4.9 | 9.2 |
| 361 | 200 | Devenish (JA) | 205 | 213 | -2 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 14.8 |
| 132 | 96 | Elders IXL | 97 | 101 | +1 | | | |
| 658 | 475 | Grand Met (aa) | 595 | 598 | ●+1 | 23.7 | 4.0 | 12.7 |
| 379 | 258 | Greenall Whit | 316 | 320 | +1 | 11.6 | 3.6 | 10.4 |
| 522 | 322 | Greene King | 323 | 332 | .. | 12.0 | 3.7 | 13.1 |
| 688 | 329 | Guinness (aa) | 695 | 698 | +7 | 20.4 | 2.9 | 13.6 |
| 975 | 810 | Hardys & Hansons | 920 | 940 | -6 | 37.5 | 4.0 | 13.4 |
| 261 | 135 | Highland Dist | 207 | 210 | +2 | 5.1 | 2.4 | 20.1 |
| 515 | 445 | Marston | 440 | 450 | .. | 14.2 | 3.2 | 14.4 |
| 240 | 168 | Marston Thompson | 175 | 178 | -1 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 18.1 |
| 630 | 324 | Morland | 370 | 395 | s-5 | 13.7 | 3.6 | 12.1 |
| 738 | 283 | SA Breweries | 540 | 560 | -10 | .. | .. | .. |
| 449 | 284 | Scot & New (aa) | 299 | 301 | +5 | 18.2 | 5.4 | 13.0 |
| 349 | 230 | Vaux Group | 235 | 237 | -1 | 10.5 | 4.4 | 12.7 |
| 427 | 298 | Whitbread 'A' (aa) | 389 | 392 | +5 | 17.5 | 4.5 | 12.9 |
| 12⅛ | 930 | Do 'B' | 12⅛ | 13⅛ | .. | 17.5 | 1.4 | 41.8 |
| 494 | 365 | Wolverhmptn & D | 363 | 370 | +1 | 10.8 | 3.0 | 12.4 |
| 535 | 475 | Young 'A' | 475 | 495 | +5 | 14.7 | 3.0 | 23.0 |

### BUILDING, ROADS

### FINANCE, LAND

### FINANCIAL TRUSTS

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25⅛ | 14⅛ | American Express | 16⅛ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 343 | 218 | Electra | 269 | 272 | +3 | 7.3 | 2.7 | 32.6 |
| 331 | 223 | Frost Gp | 313 | 318 | +3 | 14.0 | 4.4 | 17.7 |
| 850 | 625 | Henderson Admin | 750 | 760 | +10 | 44.0 | 5.8 | 20.5 |
| 93 | 23 | ICH | 28 | 32 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 131 | 95 | Invesco MIM | 120 | 125 | .. | 7.3 | 5.9 | 14.9 |
| 238 | 81 | MAI | 111 | 113 | ●+½ | 6.3 | 5.6 | 11.3 |
| 700 | 335 | MAM | 650 | 670 | +5 | 30.0 | 4.5 | 15.9 |
| 451 | 282 | M & G | 425 | 433 | .. | 16.7 | 3.9 | 16.0 |
| 159 | 79 | Smith New Court | 78 | 85 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 146 | 62 | Tyndall Hldgs | 64 | 69 | +1 | 7.3 | 10.9 | 12.6 |
| 85 | 27 | York Trust | 30 | 33 | r+1 | 3.6 | 11.3 | 4.0 |

### FOODS

### HOTELS, CATERERS

### INDUSTRIALS A-D

### OVERSEAS TRADERS

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 610 | 273 | Antofagasta | 530 | 570 | +5 | 22.7 | 4.1 | 7.8 |
| 71 | 42 | Bousted | 58 | 60 | .. | 1.7 | 2.9 | 15.9 |
| 167 | 112 | Challenge | 113 | 122 | .. | 11.0 | 9.3 | 28.7 |
| 132 | 105 | Finlay (James) | 114 | 117 | .. | 3.5 | 4.7 | 21.9 |
| 320 | 202 | Inchcape (aa) | 288 | 293 | +5 | 14.7 | 5.2 | 13.0 |
| 328 | 226 | Lonrho (aa) | 272 | 275 | ●-2 | 21.3 | 7.8 | 12.7 |
| 350 | 291 | Pearson Zoch | 337 | 347 | ●-1 | 11.6 | 3.4 | 17.0 |
| 350 | 291 | Do 'A' | 322 | 332 | ●-1 | 11.6 | 3.5 | 18.3 |
| 130 | 82 | Sime Darby | 91 | 98 | s-1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 134½ | 89 | Tozer Kemsley | 113½ | 115 | ● .. | 8.7 | 5.9 | 7.7 |

### TOBACCOS

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 936 | 447 | BAT (aa) | 803 | 810 | -4 | 40.0 | 5.0 | 10.5 |
| 185 | 120 | PJ Carroll | 155 | 165 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 694 | 424 | Rothmans 'B' (aa) | 657 | 668 | -1 | 16.4 | 2.5 | 12.1 |

### WATER

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

# BUSINESS LETTERS

## Questions left unasked

*From Mr S. D. Lewis*

Sir, I was simply astonished to read your article concerning the Blue Arrow payouts made to former directors of the National Westminster Bank who failed to "carry out the real responsibility for the lawful conduct of business at the bank".

This on top of glib announcements by that Bank and other clearing banks of massive losses over loans to third world countries and the offer of an extravagantly remunerated part time job by Barclays Bank to a former Chancellor of the Exchequer who totally misjudged government policy in his 1988 Budget.

All this, yet nobody says a word. Small wonder we have runaway inflation and are teetering on the brink of recession.

If, as a Chartered Accountant, I failed to carry out my lawful responsibility I would probably find myself fighting an action in the High Court for damages.

Why are the clearing bank shareholders not asking some questions? Why is the press not calling for explanations?

Yours faithfully,
S. D. LEWIS,
Central Buildings,
41 North John Street,
Liverpool.

## CBI members at root of speculative disease

*From Mr A. G. Biggart*

Sir, On March 12, Pembridge announced its first disposal since it won control of DRG – that is to say, the break-up of another world-competitive British company began.

Small wonder that John Banham, Director-General of the CBI, felt constrained, at the end of his article vigorously defending British Industry (*The Times*, March 15) to state the need for the right policies to encourage ownership rather than speculation. What he did not say – how could he? – was that the cause of the speculative disease lies in part in the activities of his own members.

They have encouraged the growth of a new profession – "Investor Relations" – which, at great cost to corporate Britain, works to integrate the UK Chief Executive into the City Establishment. Once in, he quite quickly develops a taste for dealing – sell this, buy that – destroying in this way the stability required within a business for organic growth to take place. The speculation is compounded with the realisation that the biter can be bit and the predator become the prey; then under the label of "retaining our independence" the internal asset strip of the business begins.

Our German and Japanese competitors do not seem to need this sort of excitement. They have patience enough to sustain long-term endeavours, and they work quietly with their own politicians to ensure that, ultimately, their industries will reap the rewards.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. BIGGART,
The Admirals,
St Briavels,
Lydney, Glos.
March 21.

## Share certificates

*From Mr K.P. Dawes*

Sir, In an article by you in *The Times* of March 10, Mr Hugh Smith was reported as having said that it was not true that private investors valued share certificates highly and that they found the torrent of paper work a *major disincentive to* investment.

I am a private investor and I and my friends *do* value share certificates most highly and I don't think one share certificate can be called "a torrent of paper work."

If one pays out quite a large sum of money, one expects some kind of receipt for it and certainly when the new Taurus system comes into operation, I shall find some other home for money which I have to invest.

There is also the matter of executors in the event of a death.

It would be extremely difficult for them in some cases to find out what companies the dead person had shares in, particularly if these investments were well spread.

Yours faithfully,
K. P. DAWES,
Courtenay Place,
Lymington,
Hampshire.
March 11.

## Policy's purpose

*From Mr W. Y. Reid*

Sir, Mr Taylor (Business Letters, March 2) must think the Judicial Committee resembles Chief Justice May's Court of Common Pleas, "before whom no case was certain and no case was hopeless."

He is right that the extent to which the law allows recovery of economic loss is a matter of judicial policy. The tug o' war between those who would go forward and those who say "back" is one of the law's most engaging spectacles and makes its development somewhat erratic – like driving with one foot on the accelerator and one on the brake. There is a delightful illustration of this in the 1951 accountants' professional liability case *Candler v Crane Christmas & Co.* This also throws light on Mr Taylor's questions.

Mr Candler, considering buying shares, wanted to see the company accounts. A director asked his accountant to give them to him and the accountant also discussed them with him and explained them to him. He knew exactly why this was being done. On the strength of this, Mr Candler bought the shares. In fact, the accounts were wrong, negligently so, and the shares were worthless. Mr Candler sued the accountants. Their counsel argued that no action had ever been allowed for negligent statements. This cut no ice with Lord Denning. In one of those marvellous judgments that light up the law reports like flashbulbs, he pointed out that this argument was put forward in all the milestone cases.

"On the one side there were the timorous souls who were fearful of allowing a new cause of action. On the other side there were the bold spirits who were ready to allow it if justice so required."

On this occasion, timidity roared back. Asquith LJ said: "I am not concerned with defending the existing state of the law or contending that it is strictly logical – it clearly is not. I am merely recording what I think it is. If this relegates me to the company of "timorous souls", I must face that consequence with such fortitude as I can command."

Lord Denning, whose view later prevailed, also explained with characteristic clarity the circumstances in which a duty to take care in making a statement would arise. This happens when to the knowledge of the speaker, the listener will rely on what he says and when it is reasonable for the listener to do so. The duty is, of course, restricted to the known listener. It cannot be extended so as to include strangers of whom the speaker has heard nothing, and whose purposes cannot reasonably have been in his contemplation. Lord Denning expressly cites the example of a Lloyd's Surveyor who, in surveying for classification purposes, negligently passes a mast as sound when it is not. He has no liability to the owner.

"My conclusion is that a duty to use care in statements is recognised by English Law, and that its recognition does not create any dangerous precedent when it is remembered that it is limited in respect of the persons by whom and to whom it is owed and the transactions to which it applies."

The policy of the law, I suggest, is to avoid what one American judge feared: a liability to an indeterminate number in an indeterminate amount for an indeterminate time. It is not, with respect, to have one policy for valuers and surveyors and another for other professions.

Yours faithfully,
W. Y. REID,
11 Bruce Mansions,
Southsea,
Portsmouth,
Hants.

# Interest rates in US expected to remain steady

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

PRIVATE economists consider that the Federal Reserve is unlikely today to alter United States interest rate policy, amid signs that the worst risk of a recession in the American economy is over.

Many Fed watchers think the Fed's open market committee will not lower rates, even though many banks appear to be tightening credit because of heavier government regulation and uncertainty about the country's economic performance.

Fed officials have publicly expressed views in past weeks that the US economy is not in any immediate danger of falling in to a period of negative growth.

Mr Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, told Congress that the chances of the United States slipping into a recession had diminished.

Mr Edward Kelly, a Fed governor, told Congress last week he was "confident that the economy has stabilized at a satisfactory level," although he said it was premature to describe US economic performance as improving.

Greenspan: more hopeful

A regional survey of the US economy by the Fed this month showed that the economy was growing slowly while the car industry showed signs of weakness. Inflation is running at an annual rate of about 4.5 per cent, which is considered relatively high in the US.

The last interest change by the Fed was in December when the Federal funds rate, the overnight inter-bank lending rate, was cut a quarter percentage point to about 8.25 per cent.

## HOW THE TOP COMPANIES PAY

Below we compare the profits earned by each employee with the average wage and the average director's salary for the leading 100 companies in the UK.

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| Company | Profits per employee (£) | Avg wages (£) | Avg directors pay (£) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Enterprise Oil | 288,500 | 32,100 | 77,857 |
| 2 Slough Estates | 157,100 | 22,600 | 90,000 |
| 3 Racal Telecom | 92,200 | 18,300 | 103,857 |
| 4 Lasmo | 39,200 | 26,300 | 60,666 |
| 5 Ultramar | 35,900 | 18,500 | 469,230 |
| 6 Glaxo | 35,000 | 18,700 | 300,000 |
| 7 Carlton Comms | 31,100 | 18,400 | - |
| 8 Guinness | 25,100 | 15,600 | 100,000 |
| 9 Rothmans Intl | 23,600 | 19,200 | 183,333 |
| 10 BAA | 22,900 | 17,100 | 116,666 |
| 11 Reuters | 21,400 | 27,300 | 66,666 |
| 12 BPB Industries | 17,000 | 16,400 | 99,305 |
| 13 British Petroleum | 16,500 | 20,400 | 265,250 |
| 14 British Gas | 16,300 | 14,400 | 66,666 |
| 15 Cable & Wireless | 14,300 | 10,200 | 130,000 |
| 16 Wellcome | 13,900 | 18,500 | 156,250 |
| 17 Tarmac | 13,600 | 12,800 | 120,000 |
| 18 Burmah Oil | 13,400 | 16,800 | 100,000 |
| 19 Blue Circle Industries | 12,500 | 13,400 | 76,923 |
| 20 GUS | 12,400 | 8,600 | 100,000 |
| 20 Cookson | 12,400 | 14,900 | 150,000 |
| 22 Reed International | 12,300 | 16,200 | 125,000 |
| 23 Fisons | 12,200 | 16,200 | 120,000 |
| 24 Hanson | 12,000 | 12,000 | 666,666 |
| 25 Rank Organisation | 11,900 | 8,300 | 83,333 |
| 26 Taylor Woodrow | 11,500 | 13,900 | 87,500 |
| 27 ICI | 11,300 | 17,900 | 456,250 |
| 28 English China Clay | 10,900 | 16,000 | 66,666 |
| 29 Tate & Lyle | 10,800 | 17,300 | 91,666 |
| 30 British Steel | 10,700 | 16,700 | 73,333 |
| 31 Polly Peck Int | 10,600 | 6,700 | 108,333 |
| 32 RTZ | 10,400 | 8,700 | 123,076 |
| 33 British Telecom | 10,000 | 16,200 | 120,000 |
| 34 Redland | 9,900 | 14,500 | 93,526 |
| 35 BAT Industries | 9,500 | 8,400 | 215,000 |
| 36 Maxwell Comms | 9,400 | 20,400 | 320,000 |
| 37 Trafalgar Hous | 9,300 | 16,500 | 164,206 |
| 38 Smith & Nephew | 9,000 | 11,100 | 66,666 |
| 39 RMC | 8,800 | 13,400 | 109,090 |
| 39 Fisher, Albert | 8,800 | 15,100 | 136,750 |
| 39 Reckitt & Colman | 8,800 | 10,800 | 129,166 |
| 42 Williams | 8,600 | 12,000 | 171,600 |
| 43 BOC | 8,500 | 15,700 | 345,454 |
| 44 BTR | 8,300 | 12,100 | 108,333 |
| 46 Smith Industries | 8,210 | 15,000 | 110,000 |
| 46 United Newspapers | 7,700 | 17,600 | 128,500 |
| 47 Pearson | 7,600 | 13,500 | 158,333 |
| 48 Cadbury Schweppes | 7,500 | 13,600 | 173,333 |
| 49 Kwik Save | 7,300 | 7,900 | 90,111 |
| 50 Marks & Spencer | 6,900 | 8,100 | 175,000 |
| 51 STC | 6,800 | 20,900 | 115,384 |
| 52 Pilkington | 6,700 | 17,100 | 140,000 |
| 53 Allied Lyons | 6,200 | 8,800 | 222,222 |
| 54 Burton | 6,000 | 7,900 | 380,000 |
| 55 Granada | 5,900 | 11,400 | 100,000 |
| 56 Bass | 5,900 | 7,800 | 128,571 |
| 57 Sedgwick | 5,800 | 23,000 | 163,130 |
| 58 P&O | 5,700 | 10,900 | 226,666 |
| 59 CRH | 5,600 | 15,600 | 164,933 |
| 60 GEC | 5,500 | 13,100 | 142,857 |
| 61 Scottish & Newcastle | 5,400 | 7,700 | 100,000 |
| 62 British Airways | 5,300 | 20,600 | 180,000 |
| 63 Racal Electronics | 5,300 | 15,300 | 156,833 |
| 64 Ladbroke | 5,200 | 7,700 | 181,818 |
| 65 Rentokil | 5,100 | 8,700 | 92,375 |
| 66 Siebe | 5,000 | 12,500 | 133,333 |
| 67 Dalgety | 4,900 | 13,100 | 155,555 |
| 67 Asda | 4,900 | 5,300 | 185,714 |
| 69 Grand Metropolitan | 4,800 | 8,300 | 333,333 |
| 69 GKN | 4,800 | 14,900 | 136,363 |
| 71 Booker | 4,600 | 8,600 | 100,000 |
| 71 Sears | 4,600 | 5,600 | 111,111 |
| 73 Harrisons & Crosfield | 4,500 | 6,500 | 91,666 |
| 73 RHM | 4,500 | 10,200 | 128,571 |
| 73 Assoc British Foods | 4,500 | 8,600 | 71,428 |
| 76 Thorn EMI | 4,400 | 12,300 | 337,500 |
| 76 Boots | 4,400 | 7,200 | 146,666 |
| 78 Hawker Siddeley | 4,300 | 12,000 | 90,909 |
| 79 Sainsbury | 4,200 | 6,900 | 123,529 |
| 79 Rolls Royce | 4,200 | 15,300 | 89,333 |
| 81 Whitbread | 4,000 | 5,900 | 140,000 |
| 82 Kingfisher | 3,900 | 5,900 | 218,182 |
| 83 Queens Moat Houses | 3,900 | 6,900 | 82,016 |
| 84 Jaguar | 3,900 | 16,300 | 128,571 |
| 85 Tesco | 3,600 | 6,200 | 130,769 |
| 85 United Biscuits | 3,600 | 10,000 | 153,333 |
| 87 Hillsdown | 3,500 | 9,600 | 177,777 |
| 87 BICC | 3,500 | 12,700 | 136,363 |
| 87 Unilever | 3,500 | 6,200 | 150,000 |
| 90 Lucas Industries | 3,300 | 12,600 | 83,333 |
| 90 Inchcape | 3,300 | 5,400 | 133,333 |
| 92 Courtaulds | 3,100 | 10,100 | 91,666 |
| 93 Trusthouse Forte | 2,900 | 7,400 | 78,571 |

## WORLD MARKET INDICES

| Index | Value | Daily ch'ge (£) | Yearly ch'ge (£) | Daily ch'ge (lc)* | Yearly ch'ge (lc)* | Daily ch'ge (US$) | Yearly ch'ge (US$) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The World | 730.5 | 0.7 | –13.4 | 2.2 | –10.4 | 1.4 | –13.4 |
| (free) | 139.5 | 0.7 | –13.5 | 2.1 | –10.6 | 1.4 | –13.5 |
| EAFE | 1281.8 | 1.6 | –17.7 | 3.1 | –13.8 | 2.2 | –17.7 |
| (free) | 131.6 | 1.6 | –18.0 | 3.1 | –14.0 | 2.3 | –17.9 |
| Europe | 740.3 | –0.2 | –2.7 | 0.4 | –2.6 | 0.5 | –2.7 |
| (free) | 159.4 | –0.1 | –2.5 | 0.2 | –2.7 | 0.5 | –2.5 |
| Nth America | 512.0 | –0.8 | –4.8 | –0.1 | –4.7 | –0.1 | –4.8 |
| Nordic | 1539.1 | –0.7 | –1.1 | 0.1 | –1.4 | –0.1 | –1.1 |
| (free) | 242.4 | –0.6 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| Pacific | 2927.9 | 2.9 | –26.2 | 5.2 | –20.3 | 3.6 | –26.1 |
| Far East | 4238.2 | 3.1 | –26.8 | 5.4 | –20.9 | 3.7 | –26.7 |
| Australia | 312.4 | –0.5 | –10.1 | 0.2 | –4.9 | 0.2 | –10.0 |
| Austria | 2123.0 | –1.9 | 42.9 | –0.9 | 44.7 | –1.3 | 42.9 |
| Belgium | 919.1 | –1.1 | –6.6 | –0.1 | –6.9 | –0.4 | –6.6 |
| Canada | 550.3 | –1.3 | –8.3 | –0.6 | –6.9 | –0.6 | –8.3 |
| Denmark | 1395.8 | –0.8 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | –0.2 | 6.1 |
| Finland | 111.8 | –1.3 | –3.0 | –0.4 | –3.2 | –0.6 | –3.0 |
| (free) | 148.5 | –1.0 | –0.3 | –0.1 | –0.5 | –0.4 | –0.3 |
| France | 782.7 | 0.3 | –3.2 | 1.2 | –3.4 | 1.0 | –3.2 |
| Germany | 989.4 | –0.2 | 7.8 | 0.8 | 9.2 | 0.5 | 7.9 |
| Hong Kong | 2352.3 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 6.1 |
| Italy | 370.9 | –0.3 | –3.8 | 0.6 | –4.3 | 0.3 | –3.7 |
| Japan | 4452.9 | 3.2 | –27.8 | 5.6 | –21.7 | 3.9 | –27.8 |
| Netherlands | 909.0 | 0.1 | –3.9 | 1.1 | –2.9 | 0.8 | –3.8 |
| New Zealand | 86.6 | –0.8 | –16.0 | –0.4 | –13.9 | –0.1 | –16.0 |
| Norway | 1631.6 | 0.2 | 21.6 | 1.1 | 21.9 | 0.8 | 21.6 |
| (free) | 284.6 | 0.5 | 21.8 | 1.4 | 22.2 | 1.2 | 21.9 |
| Sing/Malay | 2081.9 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 4.4 |
| Spain | 193.4 | –2.9 | –18.3 | –2.1 | –18.2 | –2.2 | –18.3 |
| Sweden | 1606.2 | –0.9 | –8.4 | 0.0 | –8.8 | –0.2 | –8.4 |
| (free) | 223.8 | –0.9 | –7.5 | 0.0 | –7.9 | –0.2 | –7.5 |
| Switzerland | 867.4 | –1.2 | –5.1 | –0.1 | –5.5 | –0.6 | –5.1 |
| (free) | 132.2 | –1.2 | –5.3 | 0.0 | –6.7 | –0.5 | –5.3 |
| UK | 680.8 | 0.4 | –5.6 | 0.4 | –5.6 | 1.1 | –5.5 |
| USA | 461.3 | –0.7 | –4.5 | –0.1 | –4.5 | –0.1 | –4.5 |

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

# THIRD MARKET

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | 43 | ASB Barrett | 40 | 45 | .. | 1.3 | 3.0 | 9.0 |
| 16 | 2 | Amarcobar | 3½ | 4½ | .. | .. f | .. | .. |
| 94 | 41 | Andaman Res | 38 | 43 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 96 | 80 | Ass Farmers | 87 | 92 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 220 | 215 | Cafe Inn | 215 | 225 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 300 | 300 | Chartwell | 295 | 305 | .. | 1.3 | 0.4 | .. |
| 135 | 61 | Chelsea Art | 75 | 82 | .. | 1.3 | 1.6 | .. |
| 48 | 11 | Chelsea Intl | 10 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 215 | 215 | Citybond Storage | 210 | 220 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 143 | 95 | Crown Eye | 90 | 100 | .. | .. | .. | 20.8 |
| 113 | 8½ | Eglington | 53 | 58 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 85 | 11 | Far E Res | 13 | 18 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 100 | 78 | Heclars | 95 | 105 | .. | 1.3 | 1.3 | 16.3 |
| 32 | 9 | Henerbit | 8 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 5.4 |
| 23 | 9 | Intl Comms | 12½ | 14½ | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 53 | 16 | Kemp (PE) | 15 | 20 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 105 | 74 | LGW | 70 | 78 | .. | 2.7 | 3.6 | 12.1 |
| 96 | 29 | Leading Lsr | 32 | 35 | .. | 3.3 | 9.7 | 3.7 |
| 74 | 62 | Intercare | 60 | 67 | +2 | .. | .. | 13.6 |
| 74 | 47 | Resourcemaster | 44 | 49 | .. | 2.5 | 5.3 | 8.5 |
| 113 | 35 | UPL | 45 | 55 | .. | .. | .. | 8.4 |
| 150 | 128 | Unit Group | 147 | 152 | .. | 6.7 | 4.5 | 8.7 |
| 100 | 66 | Video Magic Gp | 73 | 80 | f .. | .. | .. | 15.7 |

# FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 86.8 (day's range 86.2-86.8).**

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

*Market rates for March 26*

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.5990-1.6150 | 1.6130-1.6140 | 0.95-0.93pr | 2.63-2.61pr |
| Montrl | 1.8804-1.9009 | 1.8953-1.8989 | 0.37-0.32pr | 0.59-0.53pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.0893-3.1158 | 3.1123-3.1158 | 1⅛-1⅞pr | 4⅞-4⅞pr |
| Brussels | 56.92-57.43 | 57.20-57.39 | 25-23pr | 70-66pr |
| Copnhgn | 10.4919-10.5514 | 10.5272-10.5499 | 3⅞-3⅞pr | 9⅞-8⅞pr |
| Dublin | 1.0282-1.0362 | 1.0335-1.0345 | 35-30pr | 74-64pr |
| Frankft | 2.7460-2.7681 | 2.7647-2.7680 | 1⅞-1⅞pr | 4⅞-4⅞pr |
| Lisbon | 242.48-244.53 | 243.56-244.52 | 6pr-10ds | 94-120ds |
| Madrid | 175.55-177.00 | 176.54-176.98 | 35-25pr | 59-40pr |
| Milan | 2020.57-2036.06 | 2032.38-2036.06 | 5-4pr | 14-12pr |
| Oslo | 10.6079-10.6847 | 10.6619-10.6847 | 2⅞-2⅞pr | 8⅞-7⅞pr |
| Paris | 9.2478-9.3194 | 9.3030-9.3168 | 4⅞-3⅞pr | 10⅞-10⅞pr |
| Stckhlm | 9.9025-9.9777 | 9.9554-9.9777 | ⅞-⅞pr | 1⅞-1⅞pr |
| Tokyo | 249.76-252.35 | 252.03-252.35 | 1⅞-1⅞pr | 4⅞-4⅞pr |
| Vienna | 19.34-19.48 | 19.44-19.48 | 10⅞-9⅞pr | 29⅞-27⅞pr |
| Zurich | 2.4337-2.4638 | 2.4606-2.4638 | 1⅞-1⅞pr | 3⅞-3⅞pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 8013.51-8088.65 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1587-2.1631 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.6035-0.6115 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 59.7069-62.9538 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7630-0.7730 |
| Finland marka | 6.4790-6.5460 |
| Greece drachma | 263.90-267.10 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.608-12.619 |
| India rupee | 27.59-27.89 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4720-0.4780 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.3997-4.4041 |
| Mexico peso | 4385-4485 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.7786-2.7852 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.0040-6.0860 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.0356-3.0392 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 6.1504-6.2738 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.2940-4.3018 |
| U A E dirham | 5.0775-5.9575 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.5565-1.5580 | Denmark | 6.5285-6.5335 | Italy | 1259.0-1260.0 |
| Singapore | 1.8812-1.8822 | W Germany | 1.7131-1.7138 | Belgium (Com) | 35.45-35.50 |
| Malaysia | 2.7265-2.7275 | Switzerland | 1.5200-1.5210 | Hong Kong | 7.8135-7.8145 |
| Australia | 1.3377-1.3395 | Netherlands | 1.9255-1.9265 | Portugal | 151.20-151.30 |
| Canada | 1.17-1.18 | France | 5.7610-5.7660 | Spain | 109.50-109.60 |
| Sweden | 6.1685-6.1715 | Japan | 155.80-155.90 | Austria | 12.04-12.05 |
| Norway | 6.6100-6.6150 | | | | |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

# MONEY MARKETS

**Base Rates %:** Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
**Discount Market Loans %**
Overnight High: 14⅞ Low 14 Week fixed: 14⅞
**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**
Buying: 2 mth — 14⅞ 3 mth — 14$^{11}$/$_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth — 14⅞ 3 mth — 14⅞
**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %):** 1 mth: 14$^{23}$/$_{32}$-$^{11}$/$_{16}$
2 mth: 14$^{23}$/$_{32}$-14⅞ 3 mth: 14$^{21}$/$_{32}$-$^{9}$/$_{16}$ 6 mth 14$^{11}$/$_{32}$-$^{9}$/$_{32}$
**Trade Bills (Discount %):** 1 mth: 15$^{11}$/$_{32}$
2 mth: 15$^{11}$/$_{32}$ 3 mth: 15$^{9}$/$_{32}$ 6 mth 14$^{31}$/$_{32}$
**Interbank (%).** Overnight: open 14⅞ close 15
1 week: 14⅞-14⅞ 1 mth: 15$^{1}$/$_{32}$-15 3 mth: 15$^{5}$/$_{16}$-15$^{3}$/$_{16}$
6 mth: 15$^{7}$/$_{16}$-$^{5}$/$_{16}$ 9 mth: 15⅞-15⅞ 12 mth: 15$^{9}$/$_{16}$-15½
**Local Authority Deposits (%)**
2 day: 14⅞ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15⅞ 6 mth: 15$^{7}$/$_{16}$ 12 mth: 15$^{9}$/$_{16}$
**Sterling CDs (%):** 1 mth: 15$^{1}$/$_{16}$-14$^{15}$/$_{16}$
3 mth: 15$^{5}$/$_{16}$-$^{3}$/$_{16}$ 6 mth: 15$^{7}$/$_{16}$-$^{5}$/$_{16}$ 12 mth 15$^{7}$/$_{16}$-$^{5}$/$_{16}$
**Dollar CDs (%):** 1 mth: 8.35-8.30
3 mth: 8.40-8.35 6 mth: 8.57-8.52 12 mth 8.83-8.78
**Building Society CDs (%)**
1 mth: 15-14$^{15}$/$_{16}$ 2 mth: 15$^{3}$/$_{16}$-15⅞ 3 mth: 15⅞-15$^{3}$/$_{16}$
6 mth: 15$^{7}$/$_{16}$-15⅞ 9 mth: 15⅞-15⅞ 12 mth: 15⅞-15⅞

### ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 28, 1990. Agreed rates March 26, 1990 to April 24, 1990. Scheme I: 15.87 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.41 per cent. Reference rate Feb 1, 1990 to Feb 28, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.141 per cent.

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 8$^{7}$/$_{16}$-8$^{5}$/$_{16}$ | 8⅞-8⅞ | 8$^{7}$/$_{16}$-8$^{5}$/$_{16}$ | 8⅞-8⅞ |
| Call: 8⅞-7⅞ | | | | |
| Deutschemark: | 7$^{11}$/$_{16}$-7$^{9}$/$_{16}$ | 7$^{15}$/$_{16}$-$^{13}$/$_{16}$ | 8⅞-8 | 8⅞-8⅞ |
| Call: 7⅞-6⅞ | | | | |
| French Franc: | 10$^{3}$/$_{16}$-$^{1}$/$_{16}$ | 10⅞-10⅞ | 10⅞-10⅞ | 10⅞-10⅞ |
| Call: 10⅞-9⅞ | | | | |
| Swiss Franc: | 9⅞-8⅞ | 8$^{15}$/$_{16}$-$^{13}$/$_{16}$ | 9-8⅞ | 9$^{1}$/$_{16}$-8$^{15}$/$_{16}$ |
| Call: 9⅞-8⅞ | | | | |
| Yen: | 8$^{1}$/$_{16}$-7$^{15}$/$_{16}$ | 7⅞-7½ | 7$^{11}$/$_{16}$-7$^{9}$/$_{16}$ | 7⅞-7⅞ |
| Call: 6⅞-5⅞ | | | | |

### GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $388.25-388.75 Close: $367.50-368.50
High: $388.25-388.75 Low: $362.50-363.50

### GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $376.00-381.00 (£233.00-236.00)
Krugerrand: $367.00-370.00 (£227.50-229.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $376.00-381.00 (£233.00-236.00)
American Eagle: $376.00-381.00 (£233.00-236.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.50-88.50 (£53.50-55.00)
Old Sovereigns: $86.50-88.50 (£53.50-55.00)

### PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $482.75 (£299.30)
Palladium pm fix: $127.00 (£78.75)
Spot Silver: $4.95-4.97 (£3.070-3.085)

# LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100** | Previous open interest 22877 | | | | |
| Mar 90 | 2295.0 | 2325.0 | 2295.0 | 2309.0 | 5767 |
| Jun 90 | 2345.0 | 2365.0 | 2343.0 | 2349.0 | 2488 |
| **Three Month Sterling** | Previous open interest 141594 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 84.72 | 84.88 | 84.71 | 84.86 | 21647 |
| Sep 90 | 85.01 | 85.23 | 85.01 | 85.23 | 14049 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | Previous open interest 27353 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 91.36 | 91.39 | 91.36 | 91.38 | 3103 |
| Sep 90 | 91.26 | 91.28 | 91.26 | 91.28 | 943 |
| **Three Month Euro DM** | Previous open interest 53510 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 91.18 | 91.28 | 91.18 | 91.25 | 5614 |
| Sep 90 | 91.01 | 91.09 | 90.99 | 91.05 | 1967 |

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three month ECU** | Previous open interest 4247 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 89.03 | 89.13 | 89.03 | 89.08 | 265 |
| Sep 90 | 89.06 | 89.11 | 89.06 | 89.08 | 85 |
| **US Treasury Bond** | Previous open interest 4618 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 93-20 | 93-30 | 93-20 | 93-26 | 2329 |
| **Long Gilt** | Previous open interest 35472 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 81-04 | 81-27 | 81-04 | 81-22 | 18381 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | Previous open interest 747 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 94.20 | 94.39 | 94.11 | 94.36 | 150 |
| **German Govt Bond** | Previous open interest 58949 | | | | |
| Jun 90 | 83.20 | 83.95 | 83.10 | 83.50 | 37875 |
| Sep 90 | 83.54 | 83.90 | 83.50 | 83.51 | 153 |

# COMMODITIES

**ICIS-LOR Group**

The market took strength from a firmer close on Friday and hope that the wet market was improving. Products stable to firm in line with futures markets, but activity very thin with direction unclear.

**CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Phys | 18.25 | +35 |
| 15 day Apr | 18.30 | +35 |
| 15 day May | 18.50 | +20 |
| WTI May | 20.40 | +20 |
| WTI Jun | 20.50 | +15 |

**PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.**
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prem Gas .15 | +1 | 219-221 | +1 |
| Gasoil EEC | | 165-168 | |
| Non 1H Apr | +1 | 180-181 | +2 |
| Non 1H May | +1 | 157-158 | +2 |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | +1 | 76-78 | +1 |
| Naphtha | | 171-173 | |

**IPE FUTURES**

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Apr 160.50-60.00
May 156.75-56.50
Jun 155.75-55.50
Jul 157.00-56.50
Aug 159.25-58.75
Sep 162.00-59.00
Oct 164.50-60.25
Vol 2294

BRENT AMT Futures
May 18.47 BYR
Jun 18.48-18.47
Vol 5145

**BIFFEX**
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Mar 90 Hi 1520-1494 Low Close 1495
Apr 90 Hi 1305-1293 Low Close 1299
Jul 90 Hi 1430-1410 Low Close 1415
Oct 90 Hi 1436-1430 Low Close 1430
Vol 872 lots Open interest 4478
Dry cargo index 1550 -7

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)**

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr | 140.0 | 135.5 |
| May | 180.0 | 175.5 |
| Nov | 97.5 | 97.0 |
| Feb | 108.5 | 107.5 |

Vol 434

**LONDON FOX**

COCOA
Mar 739-738
May 753-752
Jul 765-764
Sep 779-778

AMT Futures
Dec 802-801
Mar 822-821
May 837-836
Vol 6247

COFFEE
Mar 653-650
May 683-682
Jul 653-652
Sep 664-663

AMT Futures
Nov 676-675
Jan 689-688
Mar 702-690
Vol 2921

SUGAR C Czarnikow
TO FOLLOW

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 196
My 111.60 Jn 113.50 Sp 106.35
Nv 109.30 Ja 113.05 Mr 116.15
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 63
My 104.80 Jn 103.45 Sp 103.45
Nv 107.20 Ja 110.65 Mr 113.25
SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Apr 128.0-32.0 Oct 128.5-29.0
Jun 126.5-27.5 Dec 132.0-36.0
Aug 125.8-26.5 Feb 139.0 SLR
Vol 1555

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

| (£/tonne) | Cash | 3 month | Vol | Tone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A | 1606.0-1608.0 | 1574.0-1575.0 | 439225 | Easier |
| Lead | 580.0-585.0 | 492.0-493.0 | 60300 | Easy |
| Zinc Hi Gde* | 1533.0-1535.0 | n/a | 4900 | Easier |
| Zinc Spec Hi* | 1574.0-1576.0 | 1564.0-1565.0 | 81125 | Easier |
| Tin* | 6385.0-6390.0 | 6490.0-6500.0 | 8820 | Easier |
| Aluminium Hi* | 1572.0-1573.0 | 1575.0-1576.0 | 277600 | Easier |
| Nickel* | 9300.0-9350.0 | 9110.0-9125.0 | 18660 | Easier |

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)**
Live Pig Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr | 119.8 | 119.8 |
| Jun | 119.5 | 119.5 |
| Aug | 114.5 | 114.5 |
| Oct | 118.0 | 117.8 |

Live Cattle Contract

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|---|---|---|
| Apr | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| Jun | 114.0 | 114.0 |
| Aug | 115.0 | 115.0 |

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**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on March 23

| (/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB (p) | 96.17 | 227.51 | 111.47 |
| GB (+/-) | -1.34 | *+4.01 | +0.90 |
| Eng/Wal (%) | -6.6 | -14.3 | +0.8 |
| Eng/Wal (p) | 96.17 | 226.19 | 111.22 |
| Eng/Wal (+/-) | -1.34 | +3.47 | +0.79 |
| Scotland (%) | n/a | -67.7 | +18.1 |
| Scotland (p) | n/a | 238.10 | 112.30 |
| Scotland (+/-) | n/a | +12.24 | +1.16 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

THE LAW

# Advocates on trial

**Alastair Brett on a training course which demonstrates the strengths and weaknesses of the 'solicitor advocate'**

LEGAL BRIEF

Solicitors are not bad advocates after all. The best are every bit as convincing, theatrical and articulate as their counterparts at the Bar. I discovered this self-evident truth at the Law Society's 35th advocacy training course in the old spa town of Malvern earlier this month.

My own interest in the course stemmed from pioneering rights of audience in 1985 for solicitors in High Court libel settlements in the case of Leo Abse MP and others v. Cyril Smith MP. The course aims to give articled clerks (now "trainee solicitors"), newly qualified solicitors and others an insight into pleas in mitigation, bail applications and simple cases in magistrates' courts and county courts.

It was also a timely reminder to City solicitors — accustomed to the cut and thrust of High Court litigation in London — that there are "solicitor advocates" up and down the country doing immensely important and often harrowing work for clients in juvenile courts, child care proceedings, industrial tribunals and magistrates' courts, every day of the week.

The concentrated three-day course was an interesting mixture of lectures, demonstrations from the team leaders and practical exercises in groups. The team leaders — we were split into seven groups of 20 each — were specialist advocates from firms like Hunt Dickins in Nottingham, Cox & Hodgetts in Evesham and Sir David Napley's firm, Kingsley Napley, in London.

Above all, the course taught everyone that "preparation" is the key to successful advocacy. Those of us who had failed to read the background information sheets before the practical exercises on shoplifting, ancillary relief, affray and personal injuries actions ended up receiving the kind of "going over" that county court judges and stipendiary magistrates can give inexperienced young barristers and solicitors who have not done their homework.

Far from finding the course a pleasurable break, I had to get up at 7 am to read the papers and prepare for the practical exercises. The result of this hard work and youthful enthusiasm was that by the third day the hotel was showing concern about the bar takings from course members.

If the performances of the team leaders demonstrated how good experienced solicitor advocates can be — Susanna Poppleston, from Hunt Dickins in Nottingham, gave a prize-winning performance as the tearful and distraught mother in the child care demonstration — the lack of experience and forensic analysis of some course members was quite frightening.

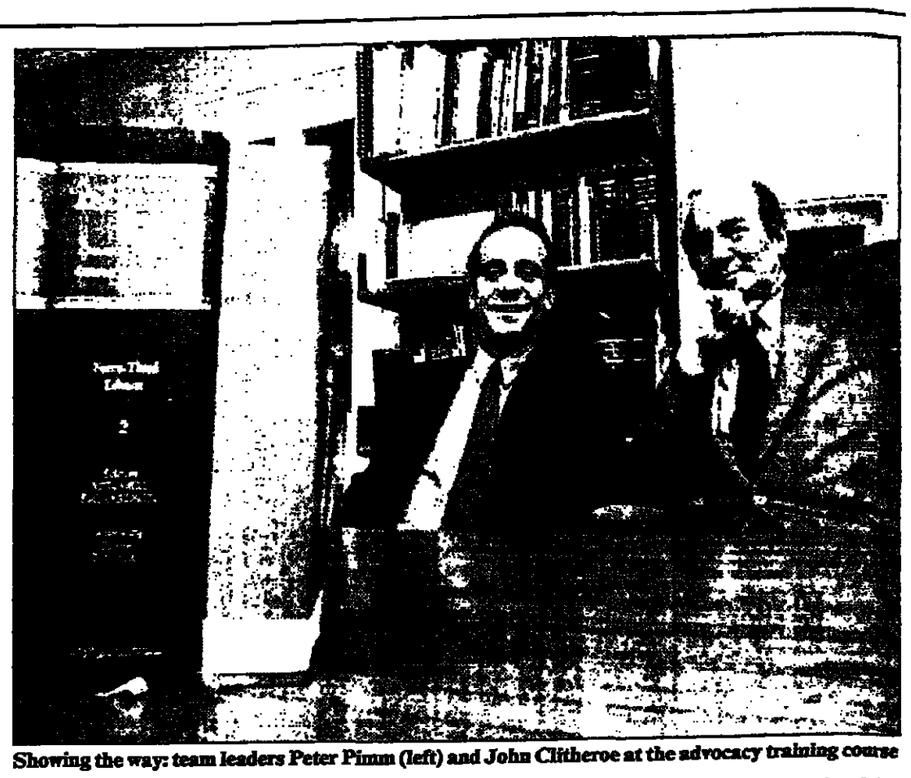
Too often the articled clerk or young solicitor examining or cross-examining a witness had little or no idea in which direction he or she was going. Speeches were left unstructured and essential facts which had to be drawn out in evidence in chief were never properly presented to the court.

By the third day, with the adrenalin running high and course members starting to get an idea of what a testy county court judge might be like when he could not see where a line of questioning was leading, it was time to go. By then we had an idea of good, bad and indifferent examination in chief, cross-examination and re-examination. Somewhat appropriately, I was asked to cross-examine a "woman police officer", a young assistant solicitor from Lovell White Durrant, who had just arrested someone outside a "print works in Wapping Lane, East London".

After finding out how difficult examination in chief can be, it became clear the course was not long enough, the groups needed to be smaller, and each group might usefully be equipped with a video camera to show people how they performed in examining or cross-examining witnesses.

Short films for screening in the evenings could show course members how barristers, the real High Court "pros", take notes, structure their examinations in chief and work out which lines of cross-examination are worth following up.

Later this year, the Courts and Legal Services Bill will complete its passage through Parliament and Lord Mackay's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct will decide what qualifications solicitors need before they can take on cases in the Crown and High Court.



Showing the way: team leaders Peter Pimm (left) and John Clitheroe at the advocacy training course

The Law Society's advocacy training course would be a useful start for City solicitors who have no experience of advocacy in the lower courts — magistrates' courts and county courts — but who want to do limited advocacy in the High Court.

But the course needs to be supplemented with a series of additional courses of up to a week for those wanting to specialize in particular divisions of the High Court, or specialist areas such as defamation or building cases in the Official Referee's Court.

Indeed, the Lord Chancellor's original idea of granting "certificates of competence" to advocates so they can appear in certain courts, or in cases involving specialist areas of law, is not such a bad one for those still keen to hear the sound of their own voices, but with no wish to start from scratch doing pleas in mitigation or bail applications.

● *The author is Company Solicitor to Times Newspapers.*

## Law Report March 27 1990 Court of Appeal

# Doctor's relationship with family practitioner committee is contractual

**Roy v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Family Practitioner Committee**

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Balcombe

*[Judgment March 22]*

The relationship between a general medical practitioner and the family practitioner committee which accepted his application for inclusion on the medical list of their locality was contractual.

Where, therefore, a practitioner sought to challenge a committee's decision as to his eligibility for the full rate of basic practice allowance it was appropriate for him to sue on the contract, since from the moment of his inclusion on the medical list he had a contractual, private right to require determination by the committee of such entitlement in accordance with its statutory duty.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Dr Premananda Roy, from an order made by Judge White, sitting as a High Court judge in the Queen's Bench Division (*The Times* March 7, 1989) striking out, as an abuse of the process of the court, parts of the plaintiff's statement of claim delivered in an action against the defendant family practitioner committee.

Mr Michael Briggs for Dr Roy; Mr Richard Greening for the committee.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the reason for the judge's decision had been that in respect of those parts of the claim which the judge had struck out, the plaintiff should have applied for judicial review rather than have proceeded by ordinary action.

The plaintiff was a general medical practitioner who had since 1954 practised in the area for which the defendants were responsible. He was on the list of doctors undertaking, for the purposes of the National Health Service Act 1977, to provide general medical services for persons in the committee's locality.

Since at least the mid-1960s he had always had more than 1,000 patients registered with him. There had been no complaints from individual patients of the service that Dr Roy had provided.

However, he had frequently been absent from the practice. Between 1979 and 1987 he had been absent, either due to sickness or being away on holiday, for totals ranging from 87 to 186 days in each year.

His absences had always been covered by his employing a locum, without complaint from his patients.

Under the terms and conditions of service which applied to Dr Roy, a practitioner was eligible for the full rate of basic practice allowance if "(a) he provides general medical services and has 1,000 or more patients on his ordinary list . . . and (b) he is in the opinion of the responsible committee devoting a substantial amount of time to general practice under the National Health Service" (paragraph 12.1 of the Statement of Fees and Allowances payable to General Medical Practitioners in England and Wales).

The committee had formed the opinion that Dr Roy had not been devoting a substantial amount of his time to his practice. From January 1, 1985 the committee had paid to Dr Roy only 80 per cent of the full rate of basic practice allowance.

Dr Roy had taken the view that his employment of a locum during his periods of absence had meant that those periods had not detracted from the time he had devoted to general practice and on July 22, 1986 he had issued a writ endorsed with a statement of claim claiming, *inter alia*, the balance of the basic practice allowance from January 1, 1985 which he alleged to be due.

The two issues raised on the appeal were: (i) was the relationship between Dr Roy and the committee one of contract, and (ii) was Dr Roy entitled to his rights against the committee, whatever they might be, by ordinary action?

**The relationship**

The relevant statutory provision was section 29 of the 1977 Act which, as amended by the Family Practitioner Committees (Consequential Modifications) Order (SI 1985 No 39), provided: "(1) It is the duty of every family practitioner committee, in accordance with regulations, to arrange as respects their locality with medical practitioners to provide personal medical services for all persons in the locality who wish to take advantage of the arrangements.

"(1A) The services so provided are referred to in this Act as 'general medical services'."

The relevant regulations were the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (SI 1974 No 160), as amended by the 1985 Order.

The terms of service for doctors were defined by regulation 2(1) and were set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Regulations, and by paragraph 44 of that Part of the Schedule there were deemed to form part of the terms of service: (a) the regulations themselves; and (b) any statement published under regulation 24 so far as those affected the rights and obligations of doctors. The Statement of Fees and Allowances to which his Lordship had referred was published pursuant to regulation 24.

In his Lordship's judgment the application by a general practitioner in the form prescribed in the 1974 Regulations constituted an offer in writing to perform general medical services in the family practitioner committee's locality upon the terms which had been defined.

When that application was accepted by the committee and the acceptance was communicated to the applicant (either by letter or by the inclusion of his name in the medical list) a contract between the applicant and the committee for the performance of services by the applicant was constituted.

All the *indicia* of a contract were present. There was consideration consisting of the promise by the applicant to perform general medical services under the terms of service, in return for the promise by the committee to pay for those services in accordance with the Statement of Fees and Allowances.

If the relationship were not contractual it was difficult to see what else it could be.

Moreover, no attempt had been made to argue for a non-contractual relationship in the closely analogous case of *R v East Berkshire Health Authority, Ex parte Walsh* ([1985] QB 152).

**Procedural question**

Since Dr Roy's rights against the committee sounded in contract, on the face of it there would appear to be no reason why he should not sue on the contract by ordinary action.

Nevertheless, that still left open the question raised on the committee's application to strike out the relevant parts of the statement of claim: was Dr Roy confined to the procedure by judicial review in order to bring the issue before the court?

In his Lordship's judgment a person who had rights under a contract was entitled to sue on that contract by ordinary action. A consideration of *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1983] 2 AC 237) and *Cocks v Thanet District Council* ([1983] 2 AC 286) supported that proposition.

In the latter case the House of Lords had held that the statutory duty fell into two parts: a public law duty to determine whether an applicant fulfilled the statutory conditions which entitled him to be housed, which could only be enforced by judicial review, and only when that determination had been made in his favour did a private law duty, enforceable by ordinary action, arise.

In the instant case Dr Roy had had from the moment of his inclusion on the medical list a contractual, that is, a private, right to have the committee determine whether he was entitled to the full rate of basic allowance in accordance with their duty under paragraph 12.1.

In any event the point was conclusively determined in Dr Roy's favour by the Court of Appeal's decision in *Walsh*. In that case the court had accepted that the employee's terms of tenure were determined by statute, but nevertheless held that he was seeking to enforce a contractual right under his contract of employment so that judicial review was inappropriate.

Even if there were an element of public duty in the formation by the committee of its opinion under paragraph 12.1, that would not be sufficient to prevent Dr Roy enforcing his private, contractual rights by ordinary action, see: *O'Reilly v Mackman, per* Lord Diplock (at p285).

His Lordship said that since writing his judgment he had noted the report of the Court of Appeal in *R v Derbyshire County Council, Ex parte Noble* (*The Times* February 21). That decision seemed wholly consistent with the views which his Lordship had expressed.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, concurring, added that if a practitioner wished to question an initial decision by the committee not to accept his application to be included on the list of doctors, he had in that case to take proceedings for judicial review.

At that stage no contract had come into existence and the practitioner's only right was a public-law right to have his application properly considered.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hempsons; Capstick, Hamer & Co, South Kensington.

# Interlocutory discretionary power to state case to be used sparingly

**Regina v Chesterfield Justices, Ex parte Kovacs and Another**

Before Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment March 17]

Justices possessed a discretionary power to state a case on an interlocutory matter or prior to the determination of an appeal to them in a civil case but that discretion should be exercised only in exceptional cases.

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing to grant judicial review of the refusal of Chesterfield Justices to state a case on a preliminary issue before their determination of an appeal by the applicants, Ms Charlotte Kovacs and Ms Heather Faubert, against a prohibition notice served on them by Derbyshire Fire Service.

The applicants were tenants of a flat comprising the ground floor, first floor and second floor of a terraced house in Chesterfield and lived there with their small children. The lower ground floor of the house consisted of a self-contained flat with independent access.

On October 10, 1989 Derbyshire Fire Service made a prohibition notice, in pursuance of section 10 of the Fire Prevention Act 1971, with the effect that occupation was restricted to the ground floor and basement so that the applicants and their children would not be able to use the bathroom and lavatory or any of the bedrooms.

The risk alleged in the notice was "inadequate means of escape from the first and second floors".

Contravention of the restriction would be an offence under section 10B of the 1971 Act, as substituted by section 9 of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, and an offender would be liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

The schedule of works required covered three pages and included the provision of six fire resisting doors, three emergency lighting points, two fire alarms of the type activated by the breaking of glass, one fitted internally next to the front door and the other by the back door, four escape route notices — one in each bedroom, one fire extinguisher of the dry powder type, one of the water type, one alarm which detected heat, one which detected smoke, two fire exit signs and a steel push-bar device on the back door.

Both applicants were in receipt of income support. Neither had any capital.

Section 10A(1) of the 1971 Act, as substituted, provided a right of appeal to the justices within 21 days from the date on which the notice was served.

Mr Graham Robinson for the applicants; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that legal aid was not available for appeals against a prohibition notice — a startling omission because many of the people who would be served and who might have to give up the accommodation occupied by them and their children, which might in turn lead to children and parents being separated, would be those unable to afford legal representation and unable to represent themselves at court. Here the prospect was of the applicants' children being taken into care.

On October 13, an application by Mr C. W. Bellamy, Ms Kovacs' solicitor, for the notice to be suspended until the hearing of the appeal was granted by the justices.

At the appeal, the justices agreed to consider as a preliminary point whether section 10 of the Act gave the fire authority power to serve a prohibition notice in respect of the applicants' house.

The justices decided there was such a power. Mr Bellamy asked the justices to adjourn to state a case but it was contended by the clerk to the justices that they had no jurisdiction to state a case at that point since that power did not arise until a final determination of the appeal.

The justices refused to adjourn.

In the meantime the prohibition notice had been stayed by Mr Justice Rose to maintain the *status quo*.

In his Lordship's judgment the justices did have power to state a case prior to the final determination of the appeal.

There was persuasive authority that they did not have such a power in *Streames v Copping* ([1985] QB 920) but there the matter before the justices was clearly criminal.

In *Loade v DPP* ([1989] 3 WLR 1281, 1290) Lord Justice Neill, having considered, *inter alia*, *Streames v Copping* had said: ". . . the High Court will not entertain an appeal by way of case stated in a criminal court unless the crown court has reached a final determination. In other proceedings, however, including proceedings which involve the grant or refusal of licences, it is not open to this court to reach the same conclusion."

He had gone on to say (at p1291) that the jurisdiction existed in civil cases, but it should be exercised sparingly and only in exceptional circumstances.

His Lordship held that the power of magistrates to state a case at an interlocutory stage in civil proceedings was the same as the power of the crown court when hearing an appeal in a civil matter. That power was discretionary.

Once the final determination had been made they had to state a case unless, under section 111(5) of the Magistrates Courts Act 1971 they were of the opinion that the application was frivolous.

That was not the case where the application was made at an interlocutory stage where matters were for the discretion of the justices and of the High Court and, as Lord Justice Neill had said, it was a jurisdiction to be exercised sparingly and only in exceptional circumstances.

His Lordship had concluded that this was not a case where such exceptional circumstances existed and he was prepared to trust in the good commonsense of the justices, both when it came to deciding what modifications they considered fit to make to the prohibition order, and in the making of a further direction suspending the operation of the notice in order to give the opportunity for the legal issue to be tested in the High Court.

Solicitors: Blakesley & Rooth, Chesterfield.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THE LAW

# Cutting out the legal jargon

**Edward Fennell explains how the Law Society's new TransAction scheme should simplify conveyancing**

Sandwiched between the Budget and the mid-Staffordshire by-election, the launch last week of *TransAction*, the Law Society's National Conveyancing Protocol Scheme, lacked the good timing necessary to achieve maximum publicity and impact. To compound the embarrassment, some rank-and-file solicitors are unhappy that the society failed to deliver its information to them on schedule.

"In terms of publicity, it has left a lot to be desired," says one solicitor. "What does the Law Society think it is playing at? Its performance over the launch of the scheme could not have been worse."

But while the society is winning few plaudits for its publicity skills, its rating on the the scheme itself is high. Solicitors up and down the country's high streets are applauding TransAction as an important step in improving the efficiency of the service they give to the public.

Stephen Gold, solicitor and author of *Gold's Law*, and a popularizer of legal issues, says: "I welcome TransAction as a way of cutting through the mystique which has surrounded conveyancing for far too long."

Just as important, Mr Gold says, is that the spirit of simplicity and efficiency should be carried through to lawyers' other communications with clients. "We should be missing a great opportunity if we failed to translate our correspondence into plain English. We must have consistency between the contract and the solicitors' letters."

Karen Conway, of Cranswick Watson, says: "Here in Yorkshire, it is going to make a big difference. It should definitely speed up the transaction and it should also do something to improve the image problem of solicitors."

The public perception of lawyers as slow and inefficient is clearly a worry that still weighs heavily on many solicitors, especially as the threat of competition from the financial institutions is starting to take on formidable shape.

But the real question is whether or not TransAction will help solicitors collectively in the conveyancing market place. Or, indeed, whether it will, as David Knox of Barlows, a Guildford firm, put its, "enable the Law Society to steel a march on the Lord Chancellor".

"I am afraid I think that we may have gone past the point at which we could fight off the financial institutions," says Emyr Pierce, of Merrills Ede, a Cardiff legal firm. "We should have done it years ago."

One observer of the legal scene believes that once the big financial institutions get involved in conveyancing, offering it as part of their home-buying package, they will take 10 per cent of the market from solicitors within the first 12 months. For TransAction to be an effective marketing tool in the profession's hands, he says, it should have been launched in the mid-1980s when the house market was buoyant.

Meanwhile, solicitors throughout the country will, no doubt, be using TransAction as a publicity weapon to fight each other. Ian Slinger, of Midlands firm Owston, for example, has become the local TransAction guru in Leicestershire by appearing on local radio and writing for the local newspaper. A good opportunity for him, certainly, but it may be a bit too late for the profession as a whole.

Solicitor Stephen Gold: "I welcome a way of cutting through the mystique"

# Why I oppose the wind of change

**Should we meddle with a highly respected contracts procedures?**

An important international change is pending which has received little attention. The UK Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is the subject of a consultation document from the Department of Trade and Industry, dated June this year.

The convention, already ratified by 19 countries, including the United States, proposes a new law for "cross-border" sale of goods. Its provisions are complex but not comprehensive. National law of the contracting parties will still be relevant, even when the countries of both have ratified.

This is because some important elements of contract law, such as when property passes, the validity of the contract, the effect of usage, liability for death or personal injury and the essential requirement of capacity to contract, are all left to be decided by national law. National laws, of course, differ widely on the subject.

The stated object of adopting "uniform rules which govern contracts for the International Sale of Goods" so as to " . . . contribute to the removal of legal barriers in international trade" is obviously desirable – but not so easy to achieve. It is not, regrettably, likely to be realized by ratification of the convention because so much of national law remains.

International accord on vexed questions such as the need to establish commercial benefit in relation to reliance on guarantees by a parent of a subsidiary company's liability, contracts outside the scope of a company's memorandum of association, and the like are not mentioned in the convention.

Worse, the existing certainty of our own law of contract would be undermined by provisions in Article 8 of the convention, which provides that the written terms as agreed between the parties could be displaced if one party were to rely on preceding negotiations or subsequent conduct as proof of the intent of either party at the time of contracting. This might displace the intention set out in the written contract itself.

Certainty as to the terms and effects of the contract is of paramount importance and would be imperilled by the provision of "convention law", should it apply.

Two earlier conventions with the same basic theme are already part of our law by reason of the Uniform Laws on International Sales Act 1967. There is no single case recorded of any contract subject to the provisions of this Act coming before the courts for interpretation or enforcement. The vital difference is that the earlier conventions do not apply unless the contracting parties say they shall. Presumably, few have done so. This contrasts with the provisions of the present convention in that a contract as defined would be subject to the "convention law", unless the contracting parties expressly excluded it.

The trouble is that people tend to forget. "Convention law", if not excluded, will apply and our own business community may find itself, to its own surprise, faced with a defence, perhaps, that the other party to the contract had no capacity to contract under his/her own national law or bound by terms which our UK businessmen have never heard of, and which even then may be varied because of the intentions of the opposing party at the time or, even because of subsequent events

A further cogent point is that if the UK ratifies it, "convention law" will become part of English law. At present, English law, and the judges who administer it, are so highly regarded that of cases heard in the Commercial Court in the last year the parties were split roughly 50-50 between English and foreign litigants and, almost more surprising, nearly 30 per cent of all the cases had no English litigant at all.

This tremendous accolade for English law and for English justice must be imperilled by the UK adopting a common denominator, a "convention law" thrashed out around a negotiating table; to which nobody had seriously objected but in which there is clearly no discernible advantage, either.

Convention law is to be interpreted by the courts of all the countries concerned. This raises a somewhat daunting prospect and the unanswered question of "what happens when interpretations differ?"

We must not be deceived by the glib lure of a uniformity that will not be achieved. We must not imperil the excellent status English law and its administrators undoubtedly have in the eyes of the world.

**Derek Wheatley QC**

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## INNS AND OUTS

Despite all the petty squabbling over the Courts and Legal Services Bill, the Bar Council and the Law Society are united in their concern over one issue: the declining level of eligibility for help under the legal aid schemes. In a joint letter to the Lord Chancellor last week, the two bodies called for an independent review of legal aid eligibility, to report within six months. They argue that the general review of the legal aid scheme announced by the Lord Chancellor last year is flawed. It will take two to three years to complete, and the focus on the "better targeting" of legal aid sounds suspiciously as though it will lead to a further restriction on eligibility. The fact that the review will be conducted by civil servants behind closed doors is also worrying, especially when the Government has hotly disputed the finding of previous reviews.

A speedy independent review is urgently needed because eligibility levels have failed to modify to take into account progressive increases in disposable income. The annual uprating of eligibility levels by 5.2 per cent does not even keep eligibility limits in line with inflation. In 1979, the head of a household with a dependent spouse and two children, earning an average income, was eligible for contributory legal aid. Today he would not qualify for any help under the scheme. The same individual earning two thirds of the national average income, would have to contribute 7.02 per cent of gross income in order to qualify, compared with no contributions in 1979.

While the City grumbled about the Budget, the flags went out on the desks of women all over the country. John Major hit the right button when he announced that from April 6 employees will be exempt from income tax on the benefit of workplace nurseries provided by their employers. The exemption applies to nurseries run at the place of work or elsewhere by either the employer alone or jointly with other employers, voluntary bodies or local authorities. The pressure on law firms to provide nursery facilities for the growing numbers of women lawyers, as well as the female members of their support staff, will now be intense.

But whether the City law firms will want to splash out on nursery facilities in these increasingly troubled times is open to question as the recent plight of accountancy firms has shown. Much of their fantastic growth in the late 1980s came from setting up corporate finance and management consultancy arms, high margin business which fed off the accountants' staple auditing work. But in these difficult days the first thing the client is cutting back on is specialist consultancy services.

The premium work is dwindling away and with incomes increasing at barely 7 per cent, the accountants are starting to feel the squeeze. The City law firms have also grown used to a steady diet of advising on mergers and aquisitions, flotations and management buy-outs, often in direct competition with the accountancy firms. And the lawyers are suffering the same drop in work. Riding on the boom, many grew rapidly, taking on more lawyers, merging and opening expensive overseas offices (especially Tokyo). City watchers anticipate signs of stress.

Recipients of the first issue of the recently launched *Legal Business* may have been impressed by the long list of "founder subscribers" which, the magazine claimed, gave it a "larger subscriber-base than the *New Law Journal*, *The Solicitors Journal* or the *Lawyer*". However, word has reached Scrivenor that some of the firms listed were rather upset to see their name used in that way. Founder subscriber meant, it seems, that a firm had indicated it was interested in seeing the new publication, with a view to subscribing, but as a later letter from the publisher, *Legalease*, confirmed "It was specifically agreed that the firm would be under no obligation to proceed." If the firm did choose to subscribe, all the partners and senior managers would receive copies at a substantial discount. *Legal Business* rather looks as if it has put the cart before the horse.

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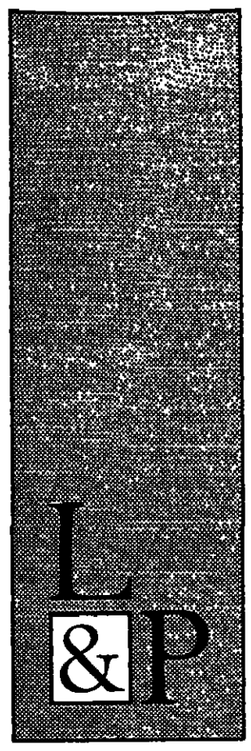


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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Morgack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th March 1990.
Dated this 19th day of March 1990
Philip Morgack, FCA Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co., Chartered Accountants, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TUDOR CARDS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Holiday Inn, 3 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6NE on Wednesday 18th April 1990 at 11.00 am. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Butcher Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London, W1X 3FE, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 12th April 1990 and Tuesday 17th April 1990.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Butcher Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 17th April 1990. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Dilip V Mithani, Director
22nd March 1990

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NO. 001106 OF 1988
IN BANKRUPTCY
RE: DR BINA DEVI - IN BANKRUPTCY ALSO KNOWN AS BINA CHATTERJEE, DR VEENA VENZ, DR VEENA BENZ, DR BINA BENZ

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Dated this 20th day of March 1990
P. Morlack, Trustee

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SECTIONS 392 & 393
AUTHORISATION OF INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS

TAKE NOTE that I MICHAEL FRANCIS STEVENSON of No 1 RIDING HOUSE STREET, LONDON, W1A 3AS intend to apply to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the above act for authorisation to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
Any person having reason to believe that such authorisation should not be granted should, within 28 days of publication of this notice communicate such reason to the Department of Trade & Industry, Room 409, Bridge Place, 88/89 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1PT

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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***Application forms and further information available from the County Personnel Officer, Shire Hall, Mold.***

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# Academic skills on the factory floor

**An expanding graduate scheme is reaping rewards for industry and colleges. Sally Watts discovers how much they can learn from each other**

Young science and technology graduates of a good academic standard can give their career a strong start through the Teaching Company Scheme (TCS), in which they form a link between industry and a centre of higher education.

The maximum age is normally 28, and graduates – who are known as associates – should have a first or upper second degree, though this may be waived if they have particularly relevant work experience.

An associateship lasts two years, during which the graduate helps the employing company to achieve greater efficiency and competitiveness by updating and developing its processes and equipment. Throughout this time, he or she is backed by the academic staff of the university or polytechnic partnering the company.

This early industrial experience greatly enhances the graduates' career prospects. John Monniot, acting director of the TCS, says: "They develop very far and fast. About half stay on with their company. Many are appointed to middle management and a lot soon reach senior management. The idea is to get technically qualified managers for industry."

Although not new, the scheme has developed considerably over the past few years. Today, it has 360 partnerships between industry and academic centres. Nearly every university and most polytechnics take part, and one or two institutes of higher education, including Dorset.

Originally, TCS was restricted to manufacturing technology, but now it covers virtually all areas of technology and science – including pure science – and, more recently, management. In addition, greater attention is given to formal specialist training for associates, both in their own subject and in management development.

Jamie Lyke, 23, is a relatively new associate. Since September, he has been a manufacturing engineer with Caledonian Mining Company at Newark. After his degree in mechanical engineering, manufacturing and management at Birmingham, he did an advanced course in design, manufacture and management at Cambridge, the academic partner in his associateship.

His work, he says, offers "autonomy, scope and responsibility". Jamie, who hopes to join the staff when his two years end, added: "I am getting wide experience with training and the opportunity to use diverse technologies.

"No one should be put off by the 'teaching' part of the title. It's not just academic: there's the opportunity to mix with all levels of management."

A few years further on, Steve Foster, a former associate, is 29 and already in senior management as factory manager of a Liverpool metal finishing company, King and Fowler, where he hopes to introduce a TCS. His degree was in mechanical engineering and his first job was as a graduate trainee, but he left to join a TCS linked with Wolverhampton Polytechnic, believing this would be a faster route.

He was right. "It was an ideal way of growing up quickly: dealing with people on the shop floor and having contact with the two directors. The work was very interesting.

"The scheme helped me in team leading and management. It gave me a high profile, a lot of training and a great boost in getting my next job." He was taken on as manufacturing systems engineer with the Lucas group, one of a team set up to reorganize and modernize Lucas sites.

The TCS has four sponsors: the Department of Trade and Industry, the Science and Engineering Research Council (each contributing £6 million a year), the Economic and Social Research Council and the Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland. About half the programmes are with small firms, and the TCS wants to raise the number to 60 per cent.

Hands-on experience: Jamie Lyke, manufacturing engineer working at the Caledonian Mining Company

> 'Associates can develop very far and fast... about half stay on'

The scheme has two main functions: to bring the expertise of academics into industry, and to develop able graduates for industrial careers, backed by practical training and a real work environment. Women associates are increasing and the TCS is keen to enrol more.

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"We are very supportive of the scheme," says Dr Richard Gait, group personnel director. "It enables us to get good young graduates and have very useful contact with the university. We are now putting ourselves forward for three more schemes."

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TENNIS

# Edberg transformed by inexplicable run of unforced errors

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne, Florida

TENNIS players have always been sceptical of statistics. As Ivan Lendl says, it does not matter how many aces he serves in a match, it is when he serves them that is important. But, after his unexpected defeat by Andre Agassi in the final of the Lipton International on Sunday, Stefan Edberg should take note of one statistic: in four sets, lasting two hours seven minutes, he made 72 unforced errors.

Not surprisingly, as there had been little sign of such fragility during the week, Edberg was at a loss to explain the sudden disintegration of his technique. Going into the final, he had won 16 out of 18 matches this year and one of those defeats was because of injury in the final of the Australian Open. He had beaten Agassi in the final at Indian Wells a fortnight ago.

"I just couldn't get to the ball," Edberg said. "He played very well and I was always a step behind myself. I had no timing and felt a little flat."

Even after this loss, Edberg has climbed above Becker to be the world No. 2, so consistently has he played since he became Masters champion in November. He would have preferred to have done it with more style. Just 24 hours earlier, Emilio Sánchez, his semi-final victim, had been wondering if Edberg could play any better.

Edberg's enigmatic display should take nothing away from Agassi, whose own reward, apart from the $179,500 (£112,000) first prize, was to leapfrog over Brad Gilbert to No. 4 in the rankings. Amid a background of tension over his refusal to play in the Davis Cup tie against Czechslovakia in Prague at the end of this week, Agassi has played sparkling tennis, culminating in his 6-1, 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 victory to take his first Lipton title and the biggest win of his career.

Edberg, in particular, will testify to the renewed zip in Agassi's legs. Several times, the American retrieved volleys and overheads which Edberg thought were winners, and when one desperate backhand lunge sailed over Edberg's head in the fourth set and landed on the baseline, the Swede's spirit was finally broken. "If I hit that shot 10 times, I'd be lucky to make it once," Agassi admitted.

Luck, however, has had only a little part to play in Agassi's improved start to the season. He has spent much of the off season working on his fitness under a new trainer, Gil Reyes, and his game has clearly benefited. Equally significantly, Agassi has cut the showmanship from his game.

He will still go for the spectacular if he can, but his whole approach is more businesslike. "I feel a lot stronger than last year," Agassi said. "A lot fitter and a lot tougher mentally. If the guys are going to beat me, they're starting to realize they are going to have to work."

The only lapse in a near flawless performance by Agassi came in the fourth set. Broken early, he simply let the set go, which seemed a dangerous tactic against someone of Edberg's class. As it turned out, his carelessness was not exploited. When Agassi applied the pressure in the fourth set, Edberg crumbled again, serving double-faults to lose each of his first two service games.

"Last year, Edberg would have been very confident going into the fourth set," Agassi added, "because he would have been thinking 'All I have to do is hang in there and he'll get tired'. That's not the case this year. I've only just scratched the surface. I can be a lot fitter than I am now."

RESULTS: Men's singles: Final: A Agassi (US) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-1, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2. Men's doubles: Final: J Pugh and R Leach (US) bt B Becker (WG) and C Motta (Br), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Women's singles: Final: M Seles (Yug) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-1, 6-2.

ICE HOCKEY

# Two saturation raids by Bombers

By Norman de Mesquita

THE HEINEKEN League regular season was completed at the weekend with the last six first division matches tying up the loose ends.

They showed that Cleveland Bombers, with two double-figure wins, are in excellent form as they prepare for the play-offs. A number of spectacular individual feats were the highlights of those games.

Kevin Conway scored 14 goals and six assists to take his total points to 188 and Timothy Cranston amassed 12 goals and six assists to take his total to 163 points.

Andre Malo, without doubt the outstanding defenceman in the division, had a goal and 17 assists for a total of 121 points, which took him into ninth position in the individual scoring chart.

At the other end of the table, Lee Valley Lions were once again beaten heavily and took their goals against to an embarrassing 349 in 32 games.

As for the loose ends to be tied up in pool D of the world championships, which ended in Cardiff on Sunday night, Great Britain dominated the group in nearly every department.

The only one in which either of the countries was able to shine was in goaltending and Damian Holland, who performed such heroics in the Australian net, was voted the best goaltender of the week.

Tony Hand, who scored six goals and seven assists, was voted the best forward in the competition and Stephen Cooper the best defenceman.

Thirty-two of Great Britain's 57 goals were scored by homebred players and the reunited Ian Cooper, Anthony and Stephen Johnson line topped them all with 18 goals and 14 assists.

RESULTS: Heineken League, first division: Cleveland Bombers 14, Streatham Redskins 7; Swindon Wildcats 6, Telford Tigers 5; Trafford Metros 6, Humberside Seahawks 3; Cleveland Bombers 19, Trafford Metros 6; Humberside Seahawks 9, Streatham Redskins 6; Lee Valley Lions 6, Telford Tigers 18.

# Gulliver's travails and travels

By Alix Ramsay

ACCORDING to Bill Gulliver, running the London Marathon is the easy part. It is not the sort of statement you expect to hear from someone preparing to take on the 26-mile slog around London's streets.

But for Gulliver, aged 54, the experienced runner of many a marathon from New York to St Albans, joint founder of the Varves charity, marriage guidance and bereavement counsellor, and blind to boot, lining up at the start alongside 30,000 athletes signals the end of months of hard work.

"It is very important that I take part in the marathon whenever I can, because each time I am running for important causes and charities," he says. "Actually getting into the race, touting for PR publicity and sponsorship is like carrying Mount Everest on your shoulders. Running is the easiest part — it's like running on air all the way round."

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This year, as one of *The Times* and Unisys entrants, Gulliver will be raising money for REAP — the Reading Emergency Accommodation Project. The charity runs a night shelter offering food, beds and rehabilitation for the homeless and is trying to buy and equip a halfway house to help the homeless to cope on their own once they have found permanent accommodation.

Gulliver and his wife, Pam, who also is blind, devote most of their time and energies to a wide range of charitable causes through their own organization, Varves. Standing for Voluntary Agency Reading Versatile Emergency Services, the Gulliver network is a collection agency hoarding everything from clothes to books to old cookers.

In training for his third London Marathon, Gulliver is irritated by most people's response to his achievements. "When I tell people what I have done, they are amazed," he said. "They tell me they couldn't run a marathon and they're not even blind. People see me as blind first and an athlete second."

Gulliver has to run with two escorts to steer him through the crowds in the London Marathon but, unlike some other blind athletes, he is not physically tied to them. "They just push me left or right to get me past," he said. But on training runs he sometimes goes unaccompanied. At well over 6ft and running with a white stick, he is hard to miss. "But I bump into people quite often," he said.

Once while training in the Reading University grounds, one of his favourite haunts, he careered into a group of bystanders, flattening two and knocking over a third. "But they didn't say anything. They thought by keeping quiet I wouldn't know where they were. Even when I spoke to them they still kept quiet."

Gulliver finds that this is a common reaction after such accidents. On more than one occasion people have taken a silent swing at him rather than apologize or help. But be warned: "I'm very quick. Once I hear them move I can catch them and then I've got them."

Constant collisions have in the past eroded Gulliver's confidence. "It's not just the fright but the thought of what could have been," he said. He decided to seek professional advice to see if there were any gadgets or devices to help him avoid the great British public as he ran. There was none. "But," he said, "they suggested I wear a large white T-shirt with 'I am a blind runner' written on the front."

The blind man who leads the sighted: Gulliver, a giant in a field of 30,000, laces up for action

His other sporting passions are tennis and archery. A bell inside the tennis ball tells him where the ball is. "It's fine provided there is spin on the ball," Gulliver said. "But some of the ladies I play against hit the ball very flat and the bell remains static inside, so they often beat me."

He is also working with the engineering department of Reading University to build a system of sensors and sonic devices to give him a more accurate picture of the court.

Gulliver will try anything once. When the British Parachute Association refused to let him jump because he was blind, the Royal Green Jackets offered to take him up instead. Never one to miss an opportunity to raise money for charity, Gulliver completed his 10,000ft freefall jump for the Orlando Fund to send sick children to Disneyworld in Florida. "I don't do these things for self-aggrandizement, but there is a certain curiosity about my being blind and it helps publicity for the charities.

"Pam and I don't want to get to the end of our lives and look back across a void, a desert. Being blind can be an advantage. When we achieve our goals there is a certain incredulity from the public. We feel we have to be seen to be proving ourselves."

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STUDENT SPORT

# Handsome double for Scots diver

By Mike Lamb

PETER Smith, the Scotland international, who is studying at Jordanhill College, took the highboard and springboard titles in the British students' diving championships at Leeds over the weekend.

Winning both events with a handsome margin, Smith left Erwin Cunnliff, from the College of Ripon and York St John, and Julian Bellan, of Leeds Polytechnic, to battle for second and third places in the springboard, with Cunnliff coming out on top. Bellan took silver in the highboard, finishing 50 points behind Smith, but 80 points up on the third-placed Phil Stone, of Liverpool University.

Jeannette Booth, of Loughborough University, won the women's diving titles, beating Kirsty Johnson, of Nottingham Polytechnic, both times.

RESULTS: Men: Highboard: 1, P Smith (Jordanhill Coll), 258.35pts; 2, J Bellan (Leeds Poly), 218.90; 3, P Stone (Liverpool Univ), 139.75. Springboard: 1, P Smith (Jordanhill Coll), 245.65; 2, E Cunnliff (Ripon and York St John Coll), 206.75; 3, J Bellan (Leeds Poly), 200.25.

Women: Highboard: 1, J Booth (Loughborough Univ), 176.65; 2, K Johnson (Nottingham Poly), 161.70; 3, S Morrison (UWCC), 156.90. Springboard: 1, J Booth (Loughborough Univ), 198.10; 2, K Johnson (Nottingham Poly), 184.80; 3, S Morrison (UWCC), 165.05.

● Helen Walsh, of Swansea University, unbeaten in student swimming, retained her 400 metres freestyle, 200 metres breaststroke and 200 metres individual medley titles at the BSSF long-course championships, helping Swansea women's team to British Universities and UAU team titles. Three gold medals also went to Sean McQuaid, captain of Loughborough University, who finished clear leaders in the men's championships. Loughborough also secured overall victory.

RESULTS: Men: Freestyle: 50m: A Rapley (Crewe and Alsager Coll), 24.59sec. 100m: S McQuaid (Loughborough Univ), 53.64. 200m: S McQuaid (Loughborough Univ), 1:58.07. 400m: S McQuaid (Loughborough Univ), 4:17.47. 4 x 50m relay: Loughborough Univ, 1:41.78. 4 x 100m relay: Loughborough Univ, 3:41.47. Breaststroke: 100m: N Curran (Glasgow Univ), 1:10.08. 200m: N Curran (Glasgow Univ), 2:31.28. Backstroke: 100m: B Winter (Swansea Univ), 1:02.17. 200m: B Winter (Swansea Univ), 2:15.45. Fly: 100m: J Bradley (Bath Univ), 58.55. 200m: S Hanton (Leeds Poly), 2:13.63. Medley: 200m: S Hanton (Leeds Poly), 2:14.51. 4 x 100m relay: Loughborough, 4:12.18. Team: 1, Loughborough Univ, 158pts; 2, London Univ, 50; 3, Leeds Univ, 53. Women: Freestyle: 50m: S Watson (Swansea Univ), 26.29. 100m: J Gorst (Leeds Poly), 1:00.78. 200m: L Harvey (Glasgow Univ), 2:12.19. 400m: H Walsh (Swansea Univ), 4:32.31. 4 x 50m relay: Swansea Univ, 1:58.30. Breaststroke: 100m: E Alexander (Dundee Univ), 1:19.01. 200m: H Walsh (Swansea Univ), 2:46.70. Backstroke: 100m: M Piper (London Univ), 1:11.89. 200m: W Gray (Jordanhill Coll), 2:35.43. Fly: 100m: S Lewis (Swansea Univ), 1:09.05. 200m: S Lewis (Swansea Univ), 2:30.74. Medley: 200m: H Walsh (Swansea Univ), 2:28.48. 4 x 50m relay: Swansea Univ, 2.11.76. Team: 1, Swansea Univ, 116pts; 2, Loughborough Univ, 68; 3, London Univ, 63. Overall team: 1, Loughborough Univ, 222; 2, Swansea Univ, 162; 3, London Univ, 123.


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### Formula One's lordly ruler makes triumphal progress in his surprise mission to the Brazilian Grand Prix

# Balestre adds own brand of madness

São Paulo

Simon Barnes

IT IS never quite clear whether the people with bodyguards are simply being sensible, or whether they are in a terminal stage of egomania. However, it has been suggested that Jean Marie Balestre has long since ceased to find this a useful distinction.

Formula One is mad: there is no escaping that fact. And Balestre, the 68-year-old Frenchman who is president of the sport's ruling body, FISA, came here to watch the Brazilian Grand Prix, and gave one of sport's more deeply eccentric press conferences to mark the occasion. "I have come, so that once again you can attack me," he announced grandly. Where the jokes ended and the real life began was never quite clear with Balestre last weekend.

One of the most touching souvenirs of this race were Balestre T-shirts, which were outselling even Ayrton Senna T-shirts in the crowded streets around the Interlagos circuit. They bear an obscene inscription, in English, addressed to Balestre. The S in Balestre has been unkindly replaced by a swastika. This is not only a back-handed tribute to Balestre's renowned autocratic notion of presidency; it is also a reference to stories published in France and Germany suggesting that Balestre in his youth had an involvement with a Nazi party — stories that have led to litigation.

This did not stop the Brazilian crowd taunting him with a chorus of "Sieg Heil" when he took a walk along the pit lane before final qualifying on Saturday. Even without this, the occasion was bizarre enough as Balestre made his walkabout with a group of minders straight out of Central Casting.

All three wore the *de rigueur* black shades and undertaker's suits. And the boss minder carried a sort of violin case everywhere he and Balestre went; it is said to have contained a Uzi submachine-gun.

Balestre has certainly had a good few death threats from a Brazilian direction. Naturally, these all revolve around the extraordinary Ayrton Senna. To Brazilians, Senna was robbed of the world championship by Balestre: robbed as a matter of personal spite.

Their sporting differences have become a feud between two men. Senna was disqualified from a race last year, later massively fined, and threatened with a ban from the sport after saying that Balestre had "manipulated" the world championships in favour of Alain Prost, of France. In short, it has all got personal. And Brazil hates Balestre for it.

Balestre had been expected to miss out this grand prix: had been diagnosed as suffering from a diplomatic disease. He had, he said, been genuinely unwell: "I am an old man, and I had open heart surgery four years ago." But he came to Brazil anyway: "Forty-eight hours ago I said I would not be here because of my health. But now I consider it an obligation to be here."

A monarch's duty is to be with his people in their hour of need. The dramatic financial move instigated by the new president of Brazil, Fernando Collor, has thrown the never very serene world of Formula One into panic. There were problems getting the tyres through Customs; there were even problems finding enough local currency to buy the food for the mechanics. So the president had to fly out. *Noblesse oblige.* "The perverse pleasure of facing a roaring public was another reason," he said.

He then read out a letter he had written to Collor. It was, quite emphatically, communication from one president — one ruler — to another. "It is the reason for which I take the liberty to ask you to give the necessary orders to your Government in order that all the necessary assistance be given to all entrants in the world championship. I myself, in spite of procarious health state, have decided to go to São Paulo ... in order to personally control that all condition for the success of a good grand prix, are met."

That is all *sic* and most odd; odder still to have this printed out and then dealt around as a press handout. And with that Balestre switched into full general De Gaulle mode, and thundered out, arms upraised: "*C'est — notre — championat du monde! C'est le championat du monde de la FIA.*"

The president of the FIA — the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile — is also Jean Marie Balestre. *Quel surprise.* For *notre,* read *mon.*

Balestre then appeared to proffer admonitions along the lines that Brazil had no automatic right to a grand prix. He told a story about how he had put Corsica in its place over last year's Corsica Rally. It had tried to break away from Balestre's control. It had failed. An instructive story, eh?

With that, Balestre patted a lot of heads, issuing congratulations for the "extraordinary feat" of getting the circuit ready in four months, adding praise to the previous mixture of threats and buffoonery.

This remarkable old gentleman controls his sport absolutely. All sports are the domain of power seekers: people who seek power in sport because they believe their sport is the most — the only — important thing in the world.

Formula One demonstrates this obsessiveness more than most; but then Formula One has always been madder than most, as well. Power makes you odd; absolute power sends you completely barking ... I wonder if that is the moral of this sporting weekend in Brazil.

Balestre: absolute monarch

RUGBY UNION

# Stylish England do not deserve to be wholly forgotten

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

"PEOPLE will remember 1990 for Scotland's grand slam, not for the team that came second," David Sole, the Scotland captain, said in the hour of his country's triumph. It was an entirely understandable reaction at the end of an exhausting 80 minutes which brought all the honours of this season's five nations' championship to Murrayfield, but it would be a pity if it were entirely true.

England, the team which came second, contributed so much to the championship that they do not deserve to be so harshly written off. If an entirely neutral party made a video of this season's highlights, I suspect there would be more of England than Scotland in it and such a video would also serve to highlight the context of this season's championship — one country, France, at odds with itself and two — Ireland and Wales — undergoing an identity crisis.

Although the history books will not necessarily acknowledge it, the winners of this season's title will be told that it was a poor year. That will not affect Scotland's players, nor would it have affected England's; all any country can do is beat the best arrayed against it in any one season and England, in three matches, destroyed their opponents in a more clinical fashion than they have done for years. By contrast, only one score stood between the Scots and defeat in both Lansdowne Road and Cardiff.

When it came to the crunch, though, Scotland's attitude served them better. A lot of rubbish was spoken at the time of the Scots being "hungrier" for success than England, of England believing the pre-match hype; since England have won so few rugby honours since the war they should have been absolutely starving and throughout the season their feet stayed firmly rooted to the ground. On the day, there were identifiable factors why Scotland won — one of which was the fact that the game was at Murrayfield.

"But they are not a grand slam side," a colleague, not English, said, and you knew what he meant. He was looking for some lasting moment of brilliance, some contribution to the generality of rugby; what he got (and it may be of some comfort to Scotland that they share this "fault" with New Zealand) was a committed adherence to a simple game plan, an inspired defence and a coach, captain and 14 other players in complete harmony as to their objectives.

That was enough to defeat all other comers, therefore Scotland are deserving champions and the game north of the border should thrive because of it, giving youngsters who no longer are taught the game in school some worthwhile heroes. The same is true in England, for Will Carling's team scored 90 points in their four matches with a panache and a style worthy of emulation.

Roger Uttley, their coach, may possibly regret the "stamp of greatness" tag which he affixed to England after their demolition of Wales but their season overall was not a ruin because they lost one match to which so many prizes adhered.

"We have a longer-term target and part of the approach with the players has been to deter them from building everything into one game," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match.

## Williams steps in for Evans

DAVID Evans, the Cardiff stand-off half, who was invited to captain Wales in the international sevens tournament in Hong Kong this weekend, was forced to withdraw from the party which left yesterday (David Hands writes).

Evans's domestic season is over after the shoulder injury he sustained during the international against Ireland on Saturday.

Aled Williams, the uncapped Bridgend stand-off, replaces him and although a new captain has not yet been named, the choice is presumably between Chris Bridges, the Neath scrum half, and Colin Hillman, of South Wales Police.

Wales, the only national side competing from the four home unions, are joined by the Barbarians and Scottish Borders. The Barbarians include Jeremy Guscott, the Bath and England centre, who has excited the interest of Huddersfield, eleventh in the second division of rugby league's Stones Bitter championship.

● ENGLAND 15 GROUP (v Italy at Wolverhampton on April 14): T Stimpson (Sidcotes); A Rezek (Loughborough GS), K Wolfenden (Bedford School), N Ryan (Mount St Mary's), P Hornby (Hymers); S Howard (Dulwich), D Roberts (Durham); N Tempest (King's, Taunton), S Perkin (St Ives CS), R Winter (Uppingham), A Vander (Millfield), A Edwards (Lewes Priory), G Archer (Biddick), K Yates (Prince Henry GS, Otley), B Wyre-Roberts (Bedford School).

## Australian anger at board's delay

By David Hands

THE DISAPPOINTED reaction of some of the leading British players to the International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) annual meeting last Friday was as nothing to the fury echoing out of Australia over the weekend.

"Gutless" and "shell-backed lilywhites" were two of the choicer descriptions applied to the delay by the board over the amateur regulation relating to "communication for reward." Simon Poidevin, Australia's most-capped player whose autobiography (to be published in May) is entitled *For Love Not Money*, said: "The players have just had a gutful of this.

"We have been waiting for 10 years for a decision on this. Why should we wait another six months? You have to ask who are the officials running this game for. I think the southern hemisphere should go out and do their own thing. I don't want to see the game going fully professional but players must have some incentive to stay and play rugby, and not get lured away."

Nick Farr-Jones, the Australian captain, hinted that players might take matters into their own hands nearer the time of the 1991 World Cup if they were *not permitted to receive money* for writing books or for making personal appearances, although by that time the IRFB working party on this particular regulation should have reached its verdict since it is due to report to the interim meeting in October.

Australian officials were in sympathy with their players. Joe French, the ARU president, applied the lilywhite description to those countries — Ireland, Scotland and England — who had opposed change and Australia may be piqued that they have no representative on the working party, which is chaired by Sir Ewart Bell (Ireland) and includes representatives from New Zealand, Wales, Scotland and England.

Any suggestion of a split with the IRFB was played down by Bob Fordham, the ARU general executive, who said: "We understand how they [the players] feel because we share their views entirely. But I'm absolutely convinced the board will see the light between now and October and the law will change. There is no way we would consider cutting ties with the board. We would simply be cutting off our nose to spite our face."

● SUVA: Fiji beat Tonga 19-9 in the opening match of the South Pacific three nations' tournament in Nuku'alofa yesterday (AFP reports). Fiji scored *two tries to one and dominated* in the forwards. Western Samoa is the other nation competing.

## SRU seeks to avoid a capacity cut

By Alan Lorimer

THE SCOTTISH Rugby Union is to seek dispensation from further implementation of the Taylor report in order to avert a drastic pruning of the capacity at Murrayfield for the 1991 World Cup.

The reductions of 20 per cent per season in the standing areas would diminish the present capacity of 53,500 to just under 45,000 and that, Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, said, "is not what we want to see. We want to maximize attendance at this prestigious event."

*Speaking at Murrayfield* yesterday, Hogg went on to say: "We have had discussions already with the Scottish minister for sport, Michael Forsyth, and he is very sympathetic to our problem. We have pointed out that Murrayfield is a very spacious ground and that there have never been crowd problems."

The alternative short-term solution would be to erect *temporary seating accommodation* at either end of the Murrayfield stadium but, as Hogg explained, "this would be costly and would not afford much shelter for spectators."

The reality facing the SRU is to bring forward its plans to make Murrayfield an all-seated stadium. "The cost of two stands at either end of the ground would be in the region of £10 million," Hogg went on. "It is a huge sum for us to raise, especially as we still have £1.2 million of interest-free loans to be repaid from the building of the East stand.

"We will be asking for assistance from the Government. We are not eligible *for grants from* from the ground improvement trust, nor are we included in the assistance being given to football clubs for necessary implementation of the Taylor report. If we do want a new stand to be ready for the 1991 World Cup then we shall have to make a decision by, at the latest, the end of the summer," he added.

Speaking about the problem *of tickets being re-sold at vastly* inflated prices, Hogg said that the SRU had received information on this matter from various sources. "Tickets that were supplied to schools and clubs apparently reached touts and unofficial hospitality organizers," he said. "We will be having a meeting with the police later this week but no action will be taken against clubs or schools until we have received more information."

On the matter of fixtures, Hogg revealed that Scotland will play England for the first time at under-19 level on April 28 at Ayr. The match will immediately precede the second half of a double header between Scotland under-21 and Wales under-21. Ten days earlier the Digital youth final will take place at Murrayfield a week sooner than originally scheduled, as is the case for the match between English Students under-21 and Scotland under-21 at Fylde on April 11.

The first draft of next year's fixture lists reveals that the McEwan's national leagues will start on September 22 and that also in that month Leinster play Edinburgh on September 8.

# British judo yearns for Olympic gold

## A nation's hopes rest on slender shoulders

By Nicolas Soames

AFTER four Olympic silver medals — Dave Starbrook, Keith Remfrey and two from Neil Adams — British judo yearns for an Olympic gold. If it comes in Barcelona in 1992, the chances are that it will be not from the ranks of the muscular men, but from the diminutive Karen Briggs.

THE TIMES/MINET SUPREME AWARD

Four times world champion, six times European champion, winner of every big title in judo and without doubt Britain's most consistent fighter, Briggs, aged 26, has set her determined sights on Barcelona.

"Anything can happen in two and a half years, as I know only too well," Briggs said. Her career has oscillated between glittering success and injury. "I can only say that I hope I have had my fair share of broken bones, and I am due for a clear run to Barcelona."

She sees injury as the first obstacle to be overcome; second is the wherewithal to train. "I am very pleased with this £5,000 from *The Times*/Minet awards," she declared. "When I came back from New Zealand after winning the Commonwealth Games, I was worried; although I have a Sports Aid Foundation grant, other sponsorship had come to an end."

Briggs needs the support to maintain the training routine that has proved successful to date. The specialist technical work — done in the environment of the British women's squad under the tutelage of Roy Inman — maintains and broadens her throwing and groundwork skill in what is, technically, one of the most complex sports.

Behind her accomplished technique lies an extreme level of physical fitness and mental strength that has made her virtually unassailable. It is significant that, in her assessment of her chances for Olympic success — and that means only the gold medal — she never once mentioned the opponents she was likely to meet.

These qualities are developed in her home environment, on her own. She lives with her father, Albert, on the edge of Hull; there she finds the privacy vital for her preparation.

Six days a week she runs, swims and pushes her body through a routine that would impress a ballet dancer, and a weights routine that impresses Elvis Gordon, even though her fighting weight is 48kg.

She does not admit to anyone that the task of winning that elusive Olympic gold medal for Britain is enormous. Briggs won her first world title in 1982 and lost it only once when she broke her leg in 1987.

The pressure of being at the top must begin to tell, though there was no sign of it when she regained her world title last October. "I want to take it easy this year," she said. Her only concern is to regain the European title in Frankfurt in May.

*The Times*/Minet Supreme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance brokers — to help fund Britain's preparations for the 1992 Olympics. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport

A fighter is handed a fighting chance : Briggs, with help from Gordon, lifts her cheque

## Japan's leading ladies take the London stage

By Nicolas Soames

FOR the first time, Japan's leading female judo fighters — including Karen Briggs's rival, the world silver medal winner, Fumiko Esaki — will be seen in London when they compete in the British Open at Crystal Palace on April 7 and 8.

Acknowledgement of the standard of women's judo in Britain came from none other than Ukemitsu Kano, the grandson of the founder of judo, Jigoro Kano. "Especially we pay our respects to the judo activity of your country," he wrote to Mick Leigh, chairman of the British Judo Association. "It seems to be the hub of women's judo in the world."

Roy Inman, the British team manager, is delighted with the compliment. "They are coming because they don't understand why we have been so successful — we don't appear to have a recognizable style the way the French, Germans or Japanese themselves have.

"Karen Briggs is very different to Diane Bell, who is also very different to Sharon Lee. But that is because we work on different things — it is a question of being very flexible, of horses for courses."

There is also a possibility that a women's team from the Soviet Union will compete — their entry has yet to be confirmed — in addition to entries from 12 other countries, including France, Austria, Canada and The Netherlands.

BOXING

## A flawed genius in search of titles

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

IF Kirkland Laing had any more brains he would have been the world's greatest inventor. He would have been able to turn base metal into gold. But the Nottingham welterweight devoted himself to another kind of science and became the world's only boxing genius, some would say a flawed genius, and some a floored one.

Like most geniuses he has found little reward for his 15 years' experimentation with boxing, just the British title. The 35-year-old inventor should have won the world title many years ago, after all he is one of a select few to have beaten the Roberto Duran.

But like most geniuses he is utterly unpredictable. He loses interest when boxing his opponents' ears off. On one occasion he was even found to be whistling a tune in between rounds to relieve the boredom. Often he loses concentration and gets caught.

The last man to "chin" him was Buck Smith, an American journeyman. Laing was just too good for his own good for six rounds. That was in January. It was his first defeat in England since 1982.

Tonight at the Grosvenor House, London, he defends against another Smith, Trevor, from Harlow. It should be one-way traffic again, unless Laing loses concentration.

It has been said that after the shock of Smith No. 1 he will not slip up against Smith No. 2. But it might be best to remember that Colin Jones, after losing every round, knocked him out in the ninth in April 1980, and did exactly the same in April 1981.

Smith is tough and aggressive and has the punch to stop Laing. But as he relies on wearing his opponent down he may not have the skill to corner the slippery champion first.

"Smith is a very tough opponent," said Dennie Mancini, who looks after Laing when his manager, Mickey Duff, is out of town.

"There should be no loss of concentration this time," Mancini said. "He has been training with Michael Watson and handled him well. I don't think he is going to give Smith any openings. Unless age catches up with him or he does something crazy."

The only way Smith can win is by casting boxing aside and charging after Laing. "When George Collins started to box Laing we knew there was no way he could win," Mancini said. It should be an entertaining evening.

● Amateur boxing officials are to investigate an incident at Saturday's ABA semi-finals at Longbridge, when Geoff McCreesh, the Home Counties champion, went into the crowd when fighting broke out among supporters at the start of the third round of his welterweight bout with Robert McCracken.

He was ushered back to the ring by cornermen and disqualified.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL**
(7.30 unless stated)

**International match**
N Ireland v Norway (Windsor Park, 8.0)

**B Internationals**
Rep of Ireland v England (3.0)
Scotland v Yugoslavia

**Barclays League**
**Third division**
Bristol City v Northampton (7.45)
Cardiff v Mansfield
Huddersfield v Preston
Leyton Orient v Bolton (7.45)
Walsall v Blackpool
**Fourth division**
Aldershot v Wrexham
Rochdale v Cambridge
Torquay v Halifax

**B & Q Scottish League**
**First division**
Alloa v Albion
Clyde v Hamilton
Clydebank v Meadowbank
Morton v Forfar
**Second division**
Cowdenbeath v Berwick
E Stirling v Stirling
Montrose v Dumbarton

**GM Vauxhall Conference**
Barnet v Wycombe

CLUBCALL CUP: Semi-final: Marlow v Bishop's Stortford.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hendon; Grays v Bognor (7.45); Kingstonian v Wokingham; Windsor and Eton v Basingstoke. First division: Kingsbury v Boreham Wood; Metropolitan Police v Harlow; Walton and Hersham v Dorking; Whyteleafe v Hampton. Second division north: Clapton v Hemel Hempstead (7.45); Letchworth v Basildon. Second division south (all 7.45): Abingdon Town v Ruislip Manor; Chertsey v Horsham; Eastbourne United v Yeading; Harefield v Newbury. AC Delco Cup: Semi-final, first leg: St Albans v Woking (7.45).
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colne Dynamoes v Caernarfon; Fleetwood v Marine; Gainsborough v Goole; Witton v Horwich. First division: Alfreton v Whaley Bay; Harrogate v Accrington; Lancaster v Emley; Newtown v Droylsden; Rossendale v Irlam.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorchester v Dartford; Gloucester v Ashford; Waterlooville v Crawley. Midland division: Stourbridge v Sutton Coldfield. Southern division: Dunstable v Bashley; Erith and Belvedere v Sheppey; Margate v Buckingham (7.45).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City v Derby; Coventry v Manchester United (7.0); Leeds v Manchester City (7.0); Notts County v Newcastle; Oldham v Aston Villa (7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Blackpool (7.0); Rotherham v Sunderland (7.0); Sheff Wed v York (7.0); Wigan v Barnsley (7.0).
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton v Taunton.

**RUGBY UNION**
CLUB MATCHES (all 7.0): Neath v Pontypridd; Penarth v Newport; Tredegar v HM Prison Service.

**OTHER SPORT**
BOXING: Kirkland Laing v Trevor Smith (Grosvenor House Hotel).
BOWLS: Ely Masters.
BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Manchester v Solent.
SNOOKER: World championships: Final qualifying round (Preston)

## SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL: Screensport 1.30-3pm and 11pm-12.30am: College match: Highlights of the ACC championship: Eurosport 4-5.30pm and 10pm-midnight: College match, and highlights from the *European Cup*.
BILLIARDS: Eurosport 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the three-cushion European Cup from Sweden.
BOXING: Eurosport 12-1pm: Superbouts: Leonard v Benitez from Las Vegas: Screensport 7-8.30pm: Professional event from the United States.
CRICKET: SKY ONE 3-10.10pm: West Indies v England: Third Test: Live coverage of the fourth day from Trinidad: BBC1 12.05-12.35am (tomorrow): Highlights of the fourth day.
EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-9am.
EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 6-7pm: Review of the week's sport.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-8.45am and 7.30-9.30pm: International highlights.
ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport 9-11am: National Hockey League: Game of the week: New Jersey Devils v Buffalo Sabres, and North American League: Screensport 11.30am-1.30pm: National Hockey League.
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11am-midday: Motor sport news from around the world.
MOTORCYCLING: Eurosport 1-2pm: Japanese GP: Highlights of the 125, 250 and 500cc, from the Suzuka circuit.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 3-4pm: World Rally championships: Highlights of the 1990 Portugese rally: Eurosport 8-9pm: Formula One: Highlights of the Brazilian GP from Sao Paulo.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6.30-7.30pm.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 8.45-10am: Highlights of the PBA National championships from Ohio.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 9.30-11pm.

VOLLEYBALL

## Williams levels angry broadside at the EVA

By Roddy Mackenzie

JEFFERSON Williams, who guided Brixton Knights to the women's first division title in the Royal Bank of Scotland English League on Sunday, is in dispute with the English Volleyball Association (EVA) after a decision which could have deprived his team of the title.

On Sunday, Brixton went into their final fixture with Britannia, the defending champions, requiring only one set to clinch the title. However, the competitions commission of the EVA met on Saturday to discuss an appeal by Hilton Leeds after an earlier decision to allow Brixton's League win over the Yorkshire club, on November 5, to stand after a mix-up over the starting time.

The commission ruled the result of the match, which Brixton won 3-0, should be reversed, since Brixton were at fault for the mix-up. Brixton thus had to beat Britannia, which they did only after five hard-fought sets.

"I only heard about the decision at 10pm on Saturday night and the girls in the team did not know until the Sunday morning," Williams said yesterday. "I plan to take this further and, if that means kicking up a storm at the League AGM, then so be it."

Williams, in his capacity as coach to the England senior men's team, has included Matthew Jones, aged 18, from Dalston Old Boys, in his squad for this weekend's British championships, involving England and Scotland, in Glasgow.

ENGLAND SQUAD: R Dobell (Team Mizuno Malory), S Dunn (Team Mizuno Malory), P Bone (Team Mizuno Malory), D Deane (Team Mizuno Malory), T Pitcott (Speedwell Rucanor), V Joyce (Speedwell Rucanor), S Fullerton (Star Aquila), P Newton (Reebok Liverpool City), G Smith (Reebok Liverpool City), J Jankowski (Polonia), A Blaskoxx (Sopu, Finland), M Jones (Dalston Old Boys).
SCOTLAND SQUAD: J McKenna (Krystal Klear), A Thomas (Krystal Klear), M Rhodes (Krystal Klear), I Grubb (Su Ragazzi), J Orr (Su Ragazzi), K Milne (Su Ragazzi), R Spratt (Elliott Sports Jets), N Vine (Elliott Sports Jets), F McMillan (Bellshill Cardinals), M Owens (Kirkliath Plant), P Carruthers (Team Novasport), G Marshall (Team Fife).
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women's first division: South-gate 3, MGI Wessex 0; Sale 3, Leeds 2; Britannia 2, Brixton 3; Portsmouth 0, Ashcombe 3.

RACING

# Choicely-bred fillies to collect for Wragg

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

A DOUBLE for the Newmarket trainer Geoff Wragg and his new stable jockey Gary Carter looks a distinct possibility at Leicester today with Vote In Favour (2.0) and Casamurrae (4.5).

Both are beautifully-bred fillies who could well end up contesting much better races later in the season than those that confront them now.

Vote In Favour, my selection for the Keythorpe Maiden Stakes, is by General Assembly out of Favoridge who is by Riva Ridge out of Favoletta, the winner of the Irish 1,000 Guineas in 1971.

This is the famous female family tracing back to Horama that served the Moller brothers so well for so long.

Following the death of Eric Moller, the vast majority of his bloodstock was bought last autumn by Sheikh Mohammed, whose colours Vote In Favour will carry this afternoon.

In her only race last year, she was a creditable second to the more experienced Lip Sing on today's track in November. With that experience behind her she should be capable of going one better in this company.

Her stable companion Casamurrae, who is my choice to win the Harborough Fillies Stakes, is very closely related to her owner Sir Philip Oppenheimer's 1982 1,000 Guineas winner, On The House.

In the second of her two races last season, which was also on the same midland track, Casamurrae was beaten a head only by Surpassing. She should only have to give a repeat performance this afternoon to gain a coveted victory.

On the jumping front at Sandown Park, another double for Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore looks on the cards, thanks to The Leggett (2.15) and Torside (3.50).

Once it would have been foolhardy to oppose Kilbrittain Castle in a race such as the Save & Prosper 'Right O'The Line' Handicap Chase as Fulke Walwyn's old war horse has accumulated 11 victories on the track. Last time out, however, it looked as though the sparkle of days gone by was missing. I much prefer The Leggett, who has been in fine form all this season as his form figures clearly indicate.

Torside, my selection for the Vsel Alanbrooke Memorial Chase, returned to form at Newton Abbot 13 days ago when fitted with blinkers for the first time.

Not surprisingly, he will be wearing them again this afternoon when his most dangerous rival would appear to be Memberson, who was winning for the fourth time on the Esher course when accounting for Tarconey and Baies at the last meeting.

Springholm bounced back to his best at the start of that same programme with a decisive victory in the Dick McCreery Cup. Now I strongly fancy his chance of winning the Royal Ordnance Handicap Chase over the same trip, and he is my nap to beat Mandray and Ringmore.

The British Aerospace Rapier Novices' Chase looks an ideal opportunity for New Halen to prove that his shock win at Cheltenham, where he swept away with the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at 66-1, was no fluke.

In contrast, All Jeff, his main rival this afternoon, fell at Cheltenham.

Roscoe Harvey, who is the form horse for the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, will need to perform a great deal better than he did at Fontwell Park a week ago, when he finished last of four.

I prefer to rely on De Pluvinel, who is attempting to capture this race a third time, having won it in 1983 and again last year.

Belying his 17 years, De Pluvinel ran Father Brady to a neck in a hunter chase at the last meeting. Against that encouraging background, Guy Prest's old favourite has a sporting chance to triumph again.

Springholm, seen winning at Newbury for Richard Dunwoody despite an untidy jump at the last, is strongly fancied to capture the Royal Ordnance Chase at Sandown

# Cecil's colt out to 10-1 for Guineas

By George Rae

*BE MY CHIEF is out to 10-1* with Hills for the 2,000 Guineas amid rumours that all is not well with him.

The colt, unbeaten in six starts last season, was deserted by backers throughout yesterday. "We simply cannot take a penny for him," spokesman Graham Sharpe said.

Those sentiments were echoed by most bookmakers as Be My Chief's stock fell. Although neither Ladbrokes nor Corals went as far as Hills, both quote him at 8-1 in the face of universal apathy.

However, Henry Cecil, Be My Chief's trainer, was quick to dismiss rumours that something was amiss. "There is nothing wrong with the horse at all," he said. "Be My Chief is working well and has not suffered a setback."

Cecil was supported by Margot Burrell, one of Be My Chief's part owners. "Henry tells me the horse has never been working better," she said.

As Be My Chief weakened, Machiavellian hardened as favourite and is now as low as 13-8 *with Corals. The Francois* Boutin-trained colt, officially rated the best two-year-old in Europe last season, has been in constant demand since a sparkling gallop at Chantilly last week.

He is scheduled to reappear in the Prix Djebel, a recognized classic trial, at Maisons-Laffitte on April 10.

On the Grand National front, Hills report backing for David Elsworth's Ghofar, the Hennessy Gold Cup winner. He is now 20-1 from 25-1.

● Derby hope Bleu De France, trained by Jean-Marie Begnigne, has his first serious workout at Chantilly today. He is likely to reappear in the Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp on April 22.

# Tudor Romance extends Eckley's excellent record

MALCOLM ECKLEY extended a remarkable record when Tudor Romance won the Kingfisher Handicap at Leicester yesterday. The Ludlow trainer has now won with his first runner on the Flat for seven out of the last eight seasons.

The five-year-old has been running over hurdles and has weekly treatment for respiratory and throat problems. But he brought off a gamble on this first appearance on the Flat for Eckley.

Tudor Romance was backed from 20-1 to 12-1 and took up the running going into the final furlong. He was immediately challenged by Tongue Tied Johnny but held the top weight at bay by three-quarters of a length.

Nicky Carlisle was in good form, winning the first two events on Miss El Arab and Moor Frolicking to complete a 134-1 double.

Carlisle, who is retained as second jockey to Tom Jones's Newmarket stable, had a few rides in all-weather Flat events this winter, but did not manage a winner.

Moor Frolicking fared better on the artificial surface, scoring at Lingfield for Guildford trainer 'Buck' Jones, who went through last year's Flat turf season without a winner.

Carlisle made every yard of the running in the Billesdon Selling Handicap on Moor Frolicking, who battled gamely for a neck victory after holding the challenge of Pretty Precocious throughout the last furlong.

Eric Alston, who had to wait until July for his only winner on the Flat last year, was soon off the mark this campaign. The Preston trainer saddled Miss El *Arab, a 14-1 winner of the* Knighton Maiden Auction Stakes. The filly gave her owner Michael Graham his first success in seven years owning racehorses.

Miss El Arab and the favourite, Simmie's Special, drew away from their field in the last furlong, with Miss El Arab always having the edge over Reg Hollinshead's charge, winning by a neck.

Alston fancied the Irish-bred Miss El Arab. He reported: "She has been working well with my Brocklesby Stakes runner Northern Nation. Pat Eddery told me he thought Northern Nation would just about have won the Doncaster race but for missing the break."

The East Everleigh trainer Richard Hannon opened his account for the new season with the two-year-old City Solace in the Headcorn Graduation Stakes at Folkestone.

The Last Tycoon colt ran green early on but quickened well under Brian Rouse inside the final furlong to beat Princess Jestina by four lengths.

Jack Berry's fancied Kummel King, who opened favourite, was withdrawn not under orders after spreading a plate down at the start. That left just five runners with City Solace returned the even money favourite.

Hannon said of the winner, who cost 18,000 guineas: "He's a nice sort and might have won even with Kummel King in the race."

Dual-purpose trainer John Bolton gained his first winner for a year when Ta Wardle landed the Alton Selling Handicap. Always in a prominent position, Ta Wardle, who has been running on the all-weather tracks, took the lead two furlongs from home and, under strong driving by Chris Rutter, *won by a length from the fast* finishing Sand Castle.

## SANDOWN PARK

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 The Leggett.
2.50 New Halen.
3.20 De Pluvinel.
3.50 Torside.
4.20 SPRINGHOLM (nap).
4.55 Summons.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.50 TORSIDE (nap).

Brian Beel's selection: 4.55 Summons.

**Going: firm**

**2.15 SAVE & PROSPER RIGHT O'THE LINE HANDICAP CHASE** (£4,250: 2m 4f 68yd) (5 runners)

101 152-512 CLARA MOUNTAIN 87 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 11-11-10 — 86
102 10-3304 KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 17 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 14-11-0 K Mooney 98
103 111113 THE LEGGETT 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Ford) M Pipe 7-10-11 P Scudamore ● 99
104 46F-PP4 PAN ARCTIC 10 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Ball) T Bill 11-10-0 J Railton (3) 84
105 3U5454 NUMERATE 3 (D,F,G,S) (M Giles) P Davis 11-10-0 Tarnya Davis 75

Long handicap: Pan Arctic 8-6, Numerate 7-12.

BETTING: 5-4 Clara Mountain, 7-4 The Leggett, 7-2 Kilbrittain Castle, 20-1 others.

1989: AUGHAVOGUE 7-10-0 D Tegg (7-4) J Edwards 5 ran

**FORM FOCUS** CLARA MOUNTAIN, winner at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm) earlier in the season, 2l 2nd to Buckshee Boy over the same course and distance latest with KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (1lb better off) a *short head 3rd.*
KILBRITTAIN CASTLE, nine times a chase winner here, disappointing since; slowly away (2m 18yd, good to firm) here latest when 38l 4th to Springholm. THE LEGGETT's winning run was halted when a below-par 25½l 3rd to Kittinger at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm) last time. PAN ARCTIC 31½l 4th of 7 to Mandray at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm). NUMERATE tailed off behind Tsarella at Newbury (3m, firm) on Saturday.
Selection: CLARA MOUNTAIN

**2.50 BRITISH AEROSPACE RAPIER NOVICES CHASE** (Listed race: £4,172: 2m 4f 68yd) (7 runners)

201 41B22F ALL JEFF 13 (D,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 6-11-8 P Scudamore 93
202 211U11 NEW HALEN 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Stivter) A James 9-11-8 — ● 99
203 F54P0/4 BOSCHENDAL 7 (F,G) (Mrs L Harris) R Curtis 8-11-0 R Goldstein —
204 0-6565F RUNNING SANDS 18 (S) (Mrs S Wills) J Gifford 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs 71
205 0/54235 TURNBERRY DAWN 85 (Palladium Ltd (Builders Merchants)) T Hallett 8-11-0 A Webb 75
206 65113P BRANDESTON 49 (G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-9 D Murphy 79
207 3-04040 LADY OF BALDWIN 11 (V) (P Rabl) A J Wilson 9-10-9 M Lynch 68

BETTING: 2-1 New Halen, 7-2 All Jeff, 9-2 Brandeston, 6-1 Running Sands, 8-1 Turnberry Dawn, 10-1 Lady Of Baldwin, 20-1 Boschendal.

1989: VICARS LANDING 6-11-6 S Sherwood (100-30 jt-fav) O Sherwood 9 ran

**FORM FOCUS** ALL JEFF in contention when fell 3 out in Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham (3m, good). NEW HALEN improved to defeat Lacidar 8l in listed handicap at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good); driven out to beat Famous Lad 2½l previously in Hereford novices' event (2m, soft).
RUNNING SANDS 9½l 5th to Romany King on penultimate start in novices' event at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, soft). TURNBERRY DAWN appeared not to stay 3m 1f in testing conditions at Devon latest; previously 14l 3rd to Docklands Express at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to firm). BRANDESTON 23l 3rd to Decided on penultimate start at Kempton (2m, good). LADY OF BALDWIN moderate 21l 7th to Master Rajh in novices' handicap at Wolverhampton (2m, good to firm).
Selection: ALL JEFF (nap)

**3.20 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE** (Amateurs: £3,810: 3m 118yd) (9 runners)

301 U/31P-42 DE PLUVINEL 15 (CD,G,S) (G Prest) G Prest 17-12-7 J Trice-Rolph 75
302 F1P2U4 ROSCOE HARVEY 7 (C,F,G,S) (P Spicer) C Brooks 8-12-7 G Oxley 93
303 F4/1P-64 COOLCOTTS 18 (CD,S) (Lt-Col R Symonds) Lt-Col R Symonds 14-12-3 C Jones 83
304 00F64R DOCK BRIEF 10 (D,F) (17 Training Regiment Royal Artillery) R Lee 9-12-0 R Inglesant (7) 61
305 P04P-06 HIGH RIDGE 18 (B,G,S) (45 Field Regiment R A) J Simison 11-11-7 Maj R Webb-Bowen 53
306 630P6P MAJOR TOM 36 (D,F,S) (H Wills) H Wills 13-11-7 P Shakespeare (7) 62
307 F/3PPUP RIGHT CARD 26 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Burges) P Bailey 12-11-7 J Wingfield-Digby (7) ● 99
308 P6000/ SASPRING 892 (B,F,G,S) (M Evans) M Evans 15-11-7 D Line (7) —
309 222404 ROCKMARTIN 5 (F,S) (S McKeown) J Johnson 8-11-3 J Beardsall 75

BETTING: 9-4 Roscoe Harvey, 3-1 Right Card, 5-1 Rockmartin, 6-1 De Pluvinel, 8-1 Coolcotts, 10-1 Dock Brief, 12-1 Major Tom, 16-1 others.

1989: DE PLUVINEL 16-11-7 J Trice-Rolph (5-4) G Prest 6 ran

**FORM FOCUS** DE PLUVINEL neck 2nd to Father Brady over course and distance last time (good to firm) with COOLCOTTS (4lb better off) 35l 4th.
ROSCOE HARVEY every chance when hit last and weakened in Fontwell handicap (2m 2f 110yd, firm) won by Breakfast Car.
DOCK BRIEF more than a distance 4th to The Quohee on penultimate start in amateurs' handicap at Chepstow (3m 3f, soft). MAJOR TOM one-paced 23l 4th to Tuns Hill on penultimate start at Fontwell (2m 4f, heavy).
ROCKMARTIN has been hurdling since respectable 8l 4th to Famous Lad in Catterick novices' event (2m, good to soft) in February.
Selection: ROSCOE HARVEY

**3.50 VSEL ALANBROOKE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE** (£7,132: 3m 118yd) (6 runners)

401 21P030 LONG ENGAGEMENT 14 (C,F,G,S) (A Armitage) D Nicholson 9-11-12 R Dunwoody 96
402 P2-1321 TORSIDE 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) (G Bisgrove) M Pipe 11-11-3 P Scudamore 94
403 006461 MEMBERSON 17 (CD,F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 12-10-3 D Gallagher 98
404 61F-132 FEILE NA HINSE 3 (D,G) (R Tondut) R Champion 7-10-0 T Grantham ● 99
405 311P42 JOHN O'DEE 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-0 D Murphy 89
406 P-F4P34 JIM BOWIE 19 (S) (R Butler) A Davison 7-10-0 D Morris —

Long handicap: Feile Na Hinse 9-7, John O'Dee 9-1, Jim Bowie 7-6.

BETTING: 11-8 Memberson, 11-4 Long Engagement, 4-1 Torside, 9-1 Feile Na Hinse, 12-1 John O'Dee, 20-1 Jim Bowie.

1989: BALLYHANE 8-12-0 R Rowe (7-4 fav) J Gifford 5 ran

**FORM FOCUS** LONG ENGAGEMENT 12l 9th to Katabatic at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). Yet to win beyond 2m. TORSIDE runs off same mark as when easily beating Classic Hero by 10l at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 100yd, good to soft) latest.
MEMBERSON, four times a course and distance winner here, came with a strong late run to beat Tarconey by 2½l over course and distance (good to firm) latest. FEILE NA HINSE makes a quick reappearance after 6l 2nd to Tsarella at Newbury (3m, firm) on Saturday. JOHN O'DEE 1l 2nd to Prince Carlton at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good) latest. JIM BOWIE more than a distance 4th to Duke's Whistle at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: TORSIDE

**4.20 ROYAL ORDNANCE HANDICAP CHASE** (£4,172: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

501 222341 SPRINGHOLM 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 8-11-10 R Dunwoody ● 99
502 18F23P WITH GODS HELP 75 (D,F,G) (J Livock) C Brooks 6-11-0 P Scudamore 93
503 3211-31 MANDRAY 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 7-10-5 M Lynch 91
504 221032 RINGMORE 17 (D,F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 8-10-0 N Smith (7) 95
505 32F233 CAMPSEA-ASH 78 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-10-0 D Murphy 91

Long handicap: Ringmore 9-10, Campsea-Ash 9-9.

BETTING: 10-11 Springholm, 7-2 Mandray, 6-1 With Gods Help, 10-1 Ringmore, 12-1 Campsea-Ash.

1989: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 13-11-1 K Mooney (5-2) F Walwyn 7 ran

**FORM FOCUS** SPRINGHOLM beat RINGMORE (3lb better off) by 7l over course and distance (good to firm) latest. RINGMORE previously 1¾l 3rd to Marejo at Catterick (2m, good to soft).
WITH GODS HELP had fair form when trained in Ireland; won at Naas (2m 40yd, yield) in November. MANDRAY beat Vulrory's Clown by 6l at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) latest. May improve further. CAMPSEA-ASH 11l 3rd of 16 to Celtic Walk at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good) latest.
Selection: SPRINGHOLM

**4.55 RMC GROUP UBIQUE HUNTER CHASE** (Amateurs: £1,730: 2m 4f 68yd) (10 runners)

1 0/461PP- RUDOLPH MOLE 328 (G) (Capt M Watson) Capt M Watson 7-12-2 Capt M Watson (7) 70
2 P1FF-05 SUMMONS 22 (CD,F,G,S) (A Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 11-12-2 Miss A Embiricos (7) ● 99
3 1/585-U2 TEAM APPROACH 21 (D,F,G) (D Bloor) D Bloor 9-12-2 D Bloor (7) 86
4 F23-826 BARN BRAE 11 (S) (J Barton) J Leigh 8-11-12 J Barton (7) 92
5 /604PP/ INFIELDER 803 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Clarke) Mrs Sarah Clarke 11-11-12 — 77
6 064-405 JACK AND JILL 49 (D,F) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 10-11-12 N Jones (7) —
7 462/P25- LIGHT DEMON 354 (G) (C Holmes) C Holmes 13-11-12 C Holmes (7) 89
8 F/0622-0 KILLELAN LAD 18 (J Wingfield Digby) J Wingfield Digby 8-11-8 J Wingfield Digby (7) —
9 00/5-U LOVE ABOVE 15 (Mrs G Holmes) Mrs G Russell Holmes 7-11-8 Mrs G Russell Holmes (7) —
10 0/6- PULSE 354 (M Swinburn) M Swinburn 12-11-8 M Swinburn (7) 75

BETTING: 5-2 Summons, 4-1 Light Demon, 11-2 Killelan Lad, 6-1 Rudolph Mole, Pulse, 10-1 Team Approach, Barn Brae, 12-1 others.

1989: SUMMONS 10-11-13 Miss A Embiricos (5-2) J Gifford 11 ran

**FORM FOCUS** RUDOLPH MOLE failed to complete in two starts following 6l defeat of LIGHT DEMON (3lb better off) at Fakenham (2m, good) last term.
SUMMONS has won a ladies' open at Tweseldown (good to firm) since 30l 5th to Parroquet at Leicester (2m 4f, good to soft) earlier this month.
TEAM APPROACH distance 2nd to Eastern Destiny in hunters' event at Warwick (2m 4f, good to soft). BARN BRAE disappointing since fair 10l 2nd to Master Eryl at Doncaster (2m 4f, good to firm) last month.
KILLELAN LAD poor 7th to Father Brady here (3m 118yd) earlier this month; later fair 3rd to Levantage Lad in point-to-point at Larkhill.
Selection: SUMMONS

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C Brooks | 10 | 30 | 33.3 | Mr G Oxley | 6 | 22 | 27.3 |
| P Dufosee | 5 | 25 | 20.0 | R Dunwoody | 19 | 118 | 16.1 |
| M Pipe | 7 | 37 | 18.9 | P Scudamore | 19 | 121 | 15.7 |
| T Forster | 13 | 69 | 18.8 | H Davies | 13 | 95 | 13.7 |
| F Walwyn | 15 | 82 | 18.3 | Peter Hobbs | 6 | 52 | 11.5 |
| J Gifford | 39 | 239 | 16.3 | K Mooney | 7 | 70 | 10.0 |

## LEICESTER

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Vote In Favour.
2.30 Kinoko.
3.00 Vestige.
3.30 Irene's Charter.
4.05 Casamurrae.
4.35 Musical Flash.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 VOTE IN FAVOUR.
2.30 Sir Basil.
3.00 Pointe Of Law.
3.30 Low Dalby.
4.05 Casamurrae.
4.35 Nikkris.

By Michael Seely

2.00 Vote In Favour. 4.05 Casamurrae.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 CASAMURRAE.

**Going: good to firm** — **Draw: no advantage**

**2.0 KEYTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES** (3-Y-O: £2,784: 7f) (15 runners)

1 (8) 30-6334 ABLE ROCKET 62 (L Berry) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 N Adams 95
2 (4) 30- DANCING EARL 143 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts —
3 (11) 0 GENERAL MEETING 4 (M Britain) M Brittain 9-0 P Sedgwick —
4 (6) 0- KAWTUBAN 218 (H Al-Maktoum) R Charlton 9-0 W Carson 87
5 (7) 0- MEZHIROV 224 (C St. George) J Gosden 9-0 Paul Eddery 89
6 (12) MODERN BRITISH (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 A Morris (7) —
7 (10) 633644- NAZARE BLUE 214 (Mrs C Williams) Mrs B Waring 9-0 N Howe ● 99
8 (5) 00- PLATINUM DISC 147 (Platinum Racing) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 Dean McKeown 92
9 (15) 0- RETURN TO SENDER 143 (Mrs C Powell) R Williams 9-0 G Baxter —
10 (13) ROCKRIDGE (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 G Baxter —
11 (14) SHARAGIL (R Hawthorn) S Dow 9-0 W Ryan —
12 (1) 00- PEARL DOVE 339 (C Price) G Price 8-9 J Williams —
13 (3) 00000- PERSIAN SPRING 144 (Miss J Shennan) B Stevens 8-9 M Tebbutt —
14 (9) 6500- SNOGLESTHORNE 168 (M Webster) B Richmond 8-9 K Fallon 80
15 (2) 2- VOTE IN FAVOUR 141 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-9 G Carter 96

BETTING: 9-4 Vote In Favour, 3-1 Kawtuban, 4-1 Dancing Earl, 5-1 Mezhirov, 10-1 Platinum Disc, 12-1 Return To Sender, 14-1 Pearl Dove, 16-1 others.

1989: PEDORIA 9-0 B Raymond (3-1 jt-fav) M Jarvis 16 ran

**2.30 BESCABY MAIDEN STAKES** (2-Y-O: £2,406: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (1) KINOKO (A White) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks —
2 (2) SIR BASIL (M Talbot-Ponsonby) M Bell 9-0 A Clark —
3 (5) CARESS (E Challans Brikenshaw) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 N Adams —
4 (3) LATIN MASS (G Noel) J Berry 8-9 J Carroll —
5 (4) MYSTICAL MELI (Sunflower Partnership) J Wharton 8-9 J Williams —

BETTING: 11-8 Latin Mass, 9-4 Sir Basil, 4-1 Kinoko, 8-1 Caress, 12-1 Mystical Meli.

1989: DANCING MUSIC 9-0 J Carroll (Evens fav) J Berry 7 ran

**3.0 KIBWORTH CLAIMING STAKES** (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 (4) 00-2 FUGLER'S FOLLY 21 (R Thompson) W Haggas 9-7 Ron Hillis (5) 97
2 (7) 541423- BOLD STREET BLUES 145 (S) (P Savill) C Tinkler 9-4 K Darley 86
3 (3) 600-5 CAPTAIN CHROME 42 (A Laws) K Bridgwater 9-2 P D'Arcy 75
4 (12) GOOD GRACE (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-2 M Wigham —
5 (13) RUM JOCKEY (P Humphries) P Bevan 9-2 N Gwilliams (5) —
6 (14) 040-230 VESTIGE 42 (BF) (Mrs C Cooper) R Hollinshead 9-2 S Perks 95
7 (2) 0- ARAGANT MAN 171 (B Stevens) B Stevens 9-0 M Tebbutt —
8 (5) 000640- WOODCOCK WONDER 101 (B Barrett) J Jenkins 9-0 W Carson 77
9 (9) SIGN PERFORMER (A Edwards Ltd) J Scargill 8-13 W Ryan —
10 (1) 5330-3 POINTE OF LAW 21 (A Papotto) P Kelleway 8-11 A Munro ● 99
11 (10) 0- DARAROYAL 111 (A Daly) Mrs N Macauley 8-10 N Adams 95
12 (11) CHAILEY (Mrs M Hudson) M Bell 8-9 R Price (7) —
13 (6) 53600- SHARINSKI 189 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing II Plc) M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 95
14 (8) 05- HOSTESS QUICKLY 182 (B Willey) J Scargill 8-6 W Newnes 81

BETTING: 11-4 Pointe Of Law, 7-2 Fugler's Folly, 9-2 Vestige, 6-1 Bold Street Blues, Sharinski, 8-1 Captain Chrome, 10-1 Hostess Quickly, 12-1 Sign Performer, 14-1 others.

1989: ON THE BEND 8-11 M Gallagher (7-2) R Simpson 9 ran

**3.35 GREYHOUND HANDICAP** (£2,742: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1 (12) 310-131 IRENE'S CHARTER 21 (D,F) (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-13 T Quinn 93
2 (12) 512100- ANNABELLE ROYALE 154 (F) (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-4 M Roberts 97
3 (11) 333001- SILVER HELLO 146 (G) (J David Abell) P Felgate 4-9-2 W R Swinburn 85
4 (1) 5056-06 BY FAR 19 (H Ellis) O O'Neill 4-9-0 N Adams 90
5 (7) 530543- LOW DALBY 145 (A Gibson) J Toller 4-8-10 Dale Gibson (5) 91
6 (5) 30/5063- WELSH PAGEANTRY 40J (D,F,G) (K Fischer) M Francis 7-8-5 Paul Eddery 89
7 (6) 0/00 CAMPO 52 (Miss A Campion) D Chapman 5-8-1 S Wood (5) —
8 (4) 000035- LUAGA 169 (A Hall) M Blanshard 4-7-13 R Fox 83
9 (9) 233633- QUINTO 136J (V) (J Tidey) Miss P Hall 4-7-10 A Munro 81
10 (2) 06-3002 TROJAN DEBUT 17 (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-7-7 G Bardwell ● 99
11 (3) 000000- RUBINKA 229 (J Doxey) R Hollinshead 4-7-7 A Garth (7) 80
12 (5) 02/000/ BIRDLESS GROVE 686 (Mrs D Ferrett) J Smith 6-7-7 S Dawson —

Long handicap: Rubinka 6-8, Birdless Grove 6-7.

BETTING: 3-1 Silver Hello, 7-2 Irene's Charter, 9-2 Trojan Debut, 11-2 Annabelle Royale, 7-1 Low Dalby, 10-1 Welsh Pageantry, 12-1 others.

1989: TOWN MEETING 5-7-7 A Munro (7-2 fav) M Brittain 18 ran

**4.5 HARBOROUGH FILLIES STAKES** (3-Y-O: £2,941: 1m) (6 runners)

1 (2) 154043- GO HOLIMARINE 141 (F) (Mrs G Dunlop) C Williams 9-0 G Baxter 78
2 (4) 42- CASAMURRAE 238 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-8 G Carter ● 99
3 (6) 2- DEBACH DAISY 312 (J Moler) C Brittain 8-8 M Roberts 90
4 (3) HINARI VISION (P Venner) M Johnston 8-8 R P Elliott —
5 (5) LONDON PRIDE (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 T Quinn —
6 (1) 0- MAGIA 143 (G Agrasti) C Wall 8-8 G Duffield —

BETTING: Evens Casamurrae, 9-4 Debach Daisy, 4-1 London Pride, 12-1 Go Holimarine, 15-1 others.

1989: COMIC TALENT 8-12 R Cochrane (4-9 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

**4.35 BUTLER HANDICAP** (3-Y-O: £2,448: 5f) (12 runners)

1 (12) 6-21143 MISS KNIGHT 42 (D) (Mrs C Bassman) R Bastiman 9-7 Dean McKeown 80
2 (2) 5-2122 APRES HUIT 19 (D) (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 9-6 N Adams 81
3 (6) 422450- DANCING BREEZE 196 (A Roberts) Pat Mitchell 9-5 Julie Bowker (5) 87
4 (1) 4310-6 GREY TUDOR 68 (G Homewood) C Allen 9-2 M Denaro (7) 83
5 (8) 05320-2 MUSICAL FLASH 77 (BF) (M Grant) R Hannon 9-0 W Carson 84
6 (4) 353563 FINAL HARVEST 21 (B,BF) (C Booth) D Chapman 8-8 S Wood (5) ● 99
7 (7) 660004- BELINDA'S BOY 137 (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) W Carter 8-5 Paul Eddery 81
8 (11) 000-451 HOT HOPE 21 (C) (J Bridger) J Bridger 8-3 T Williams 83
9 (10) 600000- APPAREL 143 (M Britain) M Brittain 8-1 S Maloney (5) 94
10 (3) 0500- ELVOL 103 (C Locke) P Arthur 7-13 A Munro 85
11 (5) 00-0 BARBEZIEUX 26 (G Steinberg) C Wilson 7-13 G Carter 80
12 (9) 54-5550 NIKKRIS 35 (Miss N Taylor) R Stubbs 7-10 — 94

BETTING: 3-1 Musical Flash, 7-2 Hot Hope, 4-1 Miss Knight, 5-1 Apres Huit, 7-1 Final Harvest, 10-1 Nikkris, 12-1 Grey Tudor, 14-1 others.

1989: ALWAYS READY 9-5 B Rouse (4-1) L Holt 12 ran

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C Allen | 3 | 16 | 18.7 | A Munro | 7 | 35 | 20.0 |
| W Hastings-Bass | 5 | 30 | 16.7 | W Carson | 30 | 200 | 15.0 |
| J Berry | 6 | 47 | 12.8 | W R Swinburn | 17 | 120 | 14.2 |
| M H Easterby | 3 | 24 | 12.5 | K Darley | 7 | 54 | 13.0 |
| C Brittain | 8 | 69 | 11.6 | M Birch | 9 | 74 | 12.2 |
| M Brittain | 9 | 87 | 10.3 | T Quinn | 15 | 145 | 10.3 |

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# Veteran White Paper steals show with sprightly display

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

THE STAR performer of Saturday's 13 point-to-point meetings was undoubtedly 18-year-old White Paper, who made every yard of the running and jumped superbly to win the open race, under Robert Elwell, at the V W H.

White Paper's first win was an Irish hurdle in 1978 and since then he has had 26 other successes, 24 of which have been in point-to-points. His time on Saturday was even faster than that of Lefrak City, the winner of the RMC ladies' qualifier, who was carrying 21lb less.

Riding honours went to Philip Scholfield with his treble at the Lamerton which included the open on John Sam, returning to the winning enclosure after going under by half a length in the adjacent race at Ottery St Mary last week.

There were no takers on the Tote for the winner of the adjacent race at this meeting, Buck's Mill, ridden by Ian Foale, even though the starting price returned was only 9-1.

Alison Dare, who rode her 100th winner the previous Saturday, set off for the second century in good style at the South Hereford with wins in the Audi qualifier on Fennelly and in the ladies on Mendip Express. The open race winner here, Charles Lunsden's Amal Lees Hope, had his last success five years ago in a hurdle race, but the style of his victory under Tim Stephenson suggests that it is unlikely the wait for his next will be as long.

The Brookshaw stable continues in invincible form in the North West. A treble at the Meynell and South Staffs was shared by Steven Brookshaw on Mount Argus in the open and Konrad Wolf in the adjacent and by Stephanie Baxter, who rode the easy winner of the ladies' race, Vulgaris.

Another stable in form is that of Robert Alner. At the Weston and Banwell, the trainer-rider continued his run of success with Elver Season and Gunner's Flight taking the open and restricted respectively. Polly Curling landed a gamble on Pastoral Pride, backed to 5-4 favouritism, and followed up later on Columbique in the maiden.

Vivaque justified market support in the Audi qualifier at the *Llandeilo Farmers but* was pressed all the way to the line by Suikerbos where only half a length separated them. The 1988 *Times* Championship final winner, St Helens Boy, proved no match in the open for Timber Tool who extended his winning run to six for Tim Rooney, four of these being this season.

*On a day when five out of six* favourites obliged at the Easton, the sole non-favourite to oblige was the 7-4 chance Darrington Deal who initiated the first leg of a double for Nigel Bloom, later completed by Spartan Sprite in the maiden.

Mike Felton looked to be following up his success on Sutton Prince in the members, *when he led on* Beechwood Grove approaching the last fence in the Land Rover qualifier at the Wilton. However, disaster loomed when Beechwood Grove fell leaving Nick Mitchell on the favourite, Master Hardy, 20 lengths clear of his nearest rival, Queen Beyan.

At the last meeting here, three weeks ago, 93 horses started but the firm going on Saturday reduced the number to only 26.

Chris Coyne caused a 33-1 surprise at the Hampshire on Bishop's Blaize in the maiden, the best race of the day at this meeting. After making all the running Bishops Blaize ran on to hold Star Shiner by a length with Synonymous only a neck away in third place.

There was a drop in class for Sweet Rascal, the winner of the members at the Curre at 7-1 on, her previous outing being in the Christie Foxhunters' at Cheltenham. The entitlement of horses of this class to run in such races both reduces the number of *runners and, for the spectators,* instills little more excitement than that of a walk-over.

## Results from yesterday's three meetings

### Leicester

Going: good to firm

**2.0** (5f) 1, **MISS EL ARAB** (N Carlisle, 14-1); 2, Simmie's Special (S Perks, 9-4 fav); 3, Good Time Boy (S Maloney, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Where's Carol (6th), 6 Mr Mad, Mushy Boff (4th), 8 On The Line (5th), 11 Naseby, 12 Captain Kagar, 14 Arrivez Deux, 33 Maggies Lad, Sareen Express, Sweet Desire. 13 ran. Nk, 3l, 4l, 2½l, 1l. E Alston at Preston. Tote: £15.70; £3.50, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £92.10. CSF: £48.30.

**2.30** (1m) 1, **MOOR FROLICKING** (N Carlisle, 8-1); 2, Pretty Precocious (Dean McKeown, 10-1); 3, Permanently Pink (G Hind, 20-1); 4, First Born (R Turner, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Albert's Way Out (6th), 7 Abigail's Dream, 8 Valgly Perceptive, 10 Yarraman, 12 Absolutely Humming (5th), Doctor's Remedy, Port Sherer, 14 Sky Watcher, Woodlands Grey, Dontworryaboutit, 16 Orsett, 20 Wooly Rags, Serenikl, 25 Belle De Mont, Beautiful Nina, Borufus. 20 ran. Nk, 2l, hd, 1l, 2l. T Jones at Guildford. Tote: £10.70; £2.30, £5.00, £30.90, £7.20. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £3.60. CSF: £90.73. Tricast: £1,457.85. No bid.

**3.0** (1m 4f) 1, **TUDOR ROMANCE** (A Proud, 12-1); 2, Tongue Tied Johnny (R Hills, 7-1); 3, Up-A-Point (R Lappin, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Proud Patriot, 5 Mr Taylor (6th), 7 Leading Guest, 10 King William (4th), 11 Saxon Court (5th), 12 Locherne, 20 Balao, 33 Princess Jenny, I Wonder When, Malacanang. 13 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. M Eckley at Ludlow. Tote: £37.30; £4.90, £4.40, £1.10. DF (winner or second with any other) £4.00. CSF: £91.65. Tricast: £512.24.

**3.30** (7f) 1, **ENHARMONIC** (S Cauthen, 11-2); 2, Childrey (R Cochrane, 4-6 fav); 3, Eton Lad (B Raymond, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Bankroll (4th), 40 Katy's Lad (5th), 50 Able Player (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1l, 12l, 7l, 2½l. W Hastings-Bass at West Ilsley. Tote: £5.90; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £9.05.

**4.0** (1m 2f) 1, **GAY GLINT** (S Cauthen, 2-1 fav); 2, Nusakan (M Roberts, 9-2); 3, Ruddy Cheek (G Duffield, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Avishayes (4th), 8 Premier Dance (5th), 11 Let Fly, 14 Teodorico (6th), 25 Bradmore's Chum, My Tai-Pan, 50 Derailed, Dragons Nest, The Jones Boy, Touch Of Danger. 13 ran. ½l, 4l, nk, 2½l, 10l. N Graham at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £15.40. CSF: £12.04.

**4.30** (6f) 1, **IN EXCESS** (A Munro, 1-3 fav: Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Haleim (W Ryan, 8-1); 3, Les Amis (G Bardwell, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 12 El Arab (5th), Faultless Speech (4th), 33 Just Imagine (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 4l, 5l, 8l, ½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £1.10; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £3.93.

Placepot: £88.40.

### Folkestone

Going: firm

**1.45** (5f) 1, **CITY SOLACE** (B Rouse, Evens fav); 2, Princess Jestina (J Williams, 10-1); 3, Pesando (M Wigham, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 Great Affair (4th), 5 Firaga (5th). 5 ran. NR: Kummel King. 4l, 1l, 2l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £7.50. CSF: £10.44.

**2.15** (1m 2f) 1, **TA WARDLE** (C Rutter, 14-1); 2, Sand Castle (W R Swinburn, 13-2); 3, Spitfire Jubilee (B Rouse, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Precociously (5th), 6 Thin Red Line (4th), 7 Master Tyke, 8 Na La Giri, 10 Spanish Love, Colonel Chinstrap, 11 Tumbled Bride, 20 Snow Wonder, 25 Double Handfull, Miss Kilpatrick, Grand Party (6th), 14 ran. 1l, 2l, 1½l, ¾l, 2½l. M Bolton at Shrewton. Tote: £41.40; £14.10, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £116.50. CSF: £99.41. Tricast: £636.74. NR: Love To Dance. No bid.

**2.45** (1m 4f) 1, **TO BE FAIR** (W Newnes, 5-1); 2, Equinor (T Williams, 9-2); 3, Cosmic Dancer (G Baxter, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Lingfield Lass (5th), 6 Russian Red (6th), 8 Up The Wagon, Hunza's Choice, 14 Simply Des (4th), 16 Head Groom, 20 Tropical Ace, Tudor Ace. 11 ran. Hd, 7l, sh hd, 1½l, 7l. J Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £4.80, £1.70, £5.80. DF: £12.80. CSF: £26.49. Tricast: £365.17.

**3.15** (5f) 1, **HARRY'S COMING** (T Sprake, 10-1); 2, Iron King (B Rouse, 10-1); 3, Count Me Out (T Quinn, 14-1); 4, Pentagon Rose (M Wigham, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Nikki Dow, 8 Jokist, 10 Valdemosa (5th), Inswinger, 11 No Beating Harts, 14 Sarum, 20 Sacea Tree (6th), 25 Star Blaze, Dee And Em, Royal Bear, 33 Fortan Prince, Miss Batchworth, Princess Jessica, Miss Moody, Baker Contract. 19 ran. 1½l, hd, hd, 2½l, nk. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £8.00; £2.10, £2.70, £3.30, £2.30. DF: £56.10. CSF: £95.79. Tricast: £1,260.07.

**3.45** (6f) 1, **SUPERBRAVE** (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Lara Porsena (W R Swinburn, 9-2); 3, Madam Jac (M Wigham, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 True Dividend (5th), 5 Gotcher (4th), 10 Lucky Frosty (6th), 16 Monarda, Blow A Kiss, 33 Dawes Of Nelson, First Flush, Honours Graduate, Susan's Reef. 12 ran. NR: Khayamour, My Sporting Lady. 3l, 2½l, ¾l, ¾l, 3l. J Etherington at Malton. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.10, £6.50. DF: £8.50. CSF: £11.32.

**4.15** (1m 2f) 1, **ARDLUI** (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav); 2, Bullace (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 3, Hypnotist (M Wigham, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Staunch Rival (6th), 14 Dzet, 16 Mysterious Maid (4th), 20 Arctic Heights (5th), 33 Christian Soldier, 50 Alkiong, Maybe Lucky. 10 ran. 3l, 5l, sh hd, 1l, 4l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.30, £8.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £5.39.

**4.45** (7f) 1, **JAZAF** (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Sharpalto (M Wigham, 4-1); 3, Langtry Lass (W R Swinburn, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Donna Lorenza (4th), 14 Bradmore's Classic, Gentle Satin (6th), Birdie Chance (5th), 25 Colour Scheme, Ever So Artistic, Bluefontaine, 33 Bold Rab, Ripyana, Rocky's Mate, Salmiya. 14 ran. 2½l, 6l, 6l, hd, ¾l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.60; £1.90, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £10.20. CSF: £10.82.

Placepot: £310.40

There are no horses wearing blinkers for the first time today.

### Hexham

Going: firm

**2.15** (2m hdle) 1, **COSMIC RAY** (J Corkell, 6-1); 2, Achiltibuie (N Doughty, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, Olivers Hill (G Bradley, 2-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Tenter Close (ur), 14 Bharkat (4th), 20 Pricey, 33 Charlewam (6th), Culloden, Grey Cloud (5th). 9 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 1l, 10l, ¾l. Mrs V Aconley at Westow. Tote: £8.00; £1.70, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £17.81. NR: Moment Of Truth, Listennell, Fashion Scene.

**2.45** (2m ch) 1, **PALM LAD** (N Doughty, 9-2); 2, Master Salesman (B Storey, 8-11 fav); 3, Solicitor's Choice (T Reed, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 12 Lingham Duke (4th), 20 Young Pageant (ur). 5 ran. 2l, 5l, 8l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £8.09.

**3.15** (2m hdle) 1, **GAN ON LAD** (S Turner, 11-2); 2, The Fixer (L O'Hara, 6-1); 3, Keep Straight (D Byrne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Asticot, 7-2 Lover Cover (4th), 8 D'Or's Gem, 9 Polo Prince, 14 Home To Roost (6th), Avenio, 16 Indispensable, 20 Ballyheelan (5th), So Gifted, 25 Gonzo's Pet, 33 French Aggression, Mercia Gold. 15 ran. NR: Intrepid World. 8l, 2½l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l. K Morgan at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £6.70; £2.30, £2.50, £6.40. DF: £15.30. CSF: £44.73. Tricast: £439.43. No bid.

**3.45** (2m 4f ch) 1, **TARTAN TRADEMARK** (N Doughty, 3-1); 2, Captain Mor (C Grant, 6-4 fav); 3, Generals Boy (Mr P Craggs, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Chipchase (4th), 11 Reiver's Lad (pu), 33 Botham (5th). 6 ran. ½l, 2½l, 2½l, 15l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £7.00; £2.30, £1.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.14.

**4.15** (2m hdle) 1, **FERNANDO REYES** (B Storey, 8-1); 2, Nessfield (S Turner, 2-1); 3, Home Straight (K Doolan, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Halcanor (4th), 10 Lihar, 12 Modestino (5th), 14 Damien's Beau (6th), 16 Hythe, 33 Bird Bath, SPS Creative. 10 ran. 2l, 10l, 7l, 2l, ¾l. J A Charlton at Stocksfield. Tote: £7.50; £1.70, £1.20, £3.70. DF: £8.80. CSF: £25.04.

**4.45** (3m ch) 1, **FINAL CHANT** (Mr H Brown, 4-1); 2, Oh Why (Mr J Greenall, 9-2); 3, Tartevie (Major M Sample, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Kitango (f), 5 Ask Jean (4th), 8 Blue Ravine (ur), 12 Smullyan (f), 14 Owen Duff (5th), 20 Portonia (f), 50 Newbawn Dale (ur). 10 ran. 15l, 8l, 4l, 20l. D Brydon at Scarborough. Tote: £5.00; £2.50, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £13.30. CSF: £21.28.

**5.15** (2m 4f hdle) 1, **PREMIER PRINCESS** (J Callaghan, Evens fav: Mandarin's nap); 2, Chasers' Bar (Mr S Swiers, 16-1); 3, Break The Chain (C Grant, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Jane's Joy (4th), 7 Half Oiled, 11 Bold Try (pu), 14 Corrie Lass, 20 Sharp Rose, 25 Roy's Dream (5th), Red Dusk, Homerigg Lad, 33 Justice Lea (6th), Walter The Great, First Lord, Chantilly Dawn. 15 ran. 2l, 2½l, 4l, 2½l, 10l. W Bentley at Middleham. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £4.10, £4.00. DF: £19.40. CSF: £20.15. Tricast: £134.97.

Placepot: £25.40.

● Gordon Richards is expected to have three runners in the Grand National on Saturday week with Conclusive, Rinus and The Langholm Dyer, but Palm Lad gained some of the glory at Hexham yesterday when beating the odds-on Master Salesman in the Acomb Novices Chase.

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CRICKET

# England must reassert control

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Port of Spain

GRAHAM MORRIS

Captain at the helm: Gooch takes the wheel of a speedboat with his team-mates, Lamb, Smith and Malcolm, on board during the Test rest day yesterday

ANY boxer who has heard the sweet sound of the bell after an entire round spent pinned against the ropes will appreciate the benefits England's cricketers may have derived on the rest day in this third Cable and Wireless Test match.

It was a day to regroup, reassess and, most important, to restore the positive thinking which, human nature insists, was compromised on Sunday as the West Indies fast bowlers finally freed their iron fists from the velvet gloves.

The clock was turned back, two years and beyond, as Ian Bishop, Curtly Ambrose and the impressive Ezra Moseley, on his first appearance, had English batsmen fencing and flinching against bowling of alarming hostility. It was an overdue retaliation from a team which remains far too good to submit without a scrap.

In 4½ hours of gripping cricket, England mustered 99 for eight from 55 overs. They were left with a first-innings lead of only 89 when, hours earlier, upwards of 200 had been in their sights.

The outcome was a confused debate, raging around Trinidad, on the state of the game. The two daily newspapers here took contrasting views, their respective headlines yesterday reading: "Magnificent West Indies fight back" and "Windies slip up on third day."

Greenidge's two uncharacteristic lapses at slip, reprieving Capel and Fraser, certainly allowed England a measure of leniency after they had lost six wickets for 49 but this should not detract from the resolution of Capel, who batted stoically for 3½ hours to justify his inclusion in the side.

Not only did Capel play the two shots of the day, hooking Walsh and square cutting Bishop to the boundary, he demonstrated a technique against the short ball which was worryingly lacking in some of the earlier batting.

The ethos of this England side, as preached by captain and management, is that only the next day matters and, at this critical juncture, it is a valuable attitute to sustain. Micky Stewart, the team manager, said yesterday: "It is taboo to look back at all, whether at short-pitched bowling or even names of opposition players. We only look at what is ahead and, in this game, I would still rather be in our position than theirs."

To emphasize his view that the game is there to be won, Stewart threw in a football analogy. "I don't believe in a team that goes a goal up after five minutes and spends the rest of the game trying to kick the ball over the stand. We didn't welcome the rain in Guyana and we will not be trying to sneak out of here with a draw. We look to win every game until it becomes impossible."

If, however, England do negotiate a winning position today by bowling the West Indies out for a second time they will have more to contend with than a simple equation of runs and overs. It is increasingly clear that the 90 overs per day regulation, as agreed for this series, is not worth the paper on which it is written and the spirit of the game is in danger of farcical abuse.

Not once in the series to date have the minimum overs been completed, despite every day extending long into an additional hour. Dusk comes quickly in the Caribbean and, because there is no agreement for fines of any sort, either team can slow their over-rate to a point where, in the ultimate degree, the opposition is prevented from winning.

On Sunday afternoon, the West Indies bowled only 22 overs in two hours. Even Stewart, who remains publicly phlegmatic about the speed of operations here, said yesterday: "There does come a time when it gets too much and I personally cannot see the point of having a minimum number of overs in a day without sanction to support it."

West Indies have always resisted over-rate fines but perhaps even their intransigence may be put to the test if the dilatory response of a visiting team one day costs them a victory.

England must be looking to press ahead with their overs at a respectable pace today to maintain their ambitions in the game. They must also hope that Devon Malcolm, whose five balls on Sunday evening cost 11 runs, can resume the level of accuracy he achieved in the first innings.

Finally, it will be to England's benefit, this time, if any overnight rain has allowed the pitch to sweat under the covers, as it did before their own batting collapse on Sunday.

● David Smith, aged 34, the left-handed Sussex opener, has been on stand-by since the start of the tour, Micky Stewart, the England team manager, revealed yesterday.

## SCOREBOARD FROM TRINIDAD

England won toss

WEST INDIES

First Innings 199 (Malcolm 4-60, Fraser 3-41)

Second Innings

| | | 6s | 4s | Mins | Balls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C G Greenidge not out | 6 | - | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| *D L Haynes not out | 0 | - | - | 5 | 0 |
| Extras (lb 4, w 1) | 5 | | | | |
| Total (no wkt) | 11 | | | | |

BOWLING: Malcolm .5-0-6-0 (w 1).

ENGLAND

First Innings

| | | 6s | 4s | Mins | Balls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *G A Gooch c Dujon b Bishop | 84 | - | 3 | 388 | 263 |
| W Larkins c Dujon b Ambrose | 54 | - | 5 | 242 | 154 |
| A J Stewart c Dujon b Ambrose | 9 | - | - | 93 | 60 |
| A J Lamb b Bishop | 32 | - | 3 | 122 | 81 |
| R A Smith c Dujon b Moseley | 5 | - | - | 40 | 28 |
| R Bailey c Logie b Moseley | 0 | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| D J Capel c Moseley b Ambrose | 40 | - | 3 | 215 | 124 |
| †R C Russell c Best b Walsh | 15 | - | 1 | 99 | 66 |
| G C Small lbw b Bishop | 0 | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| A R C Fraser c Hooper b Ambrose | 11 | - | - | 83 | 58 |
| D E Malcolm not out | 0 | - | - | 20 | 8 |
| Extras (b10, lb 9, w 3, nb 16) | 38 | | | | |
| Total (137.2 overs) | 288 | | | | |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-125, 3-195, 4-214, 5-214, 6-214, 7-243, 8-244, 9-284.

BOWLING: Ambrose 36.2-8-59-4 (nb 4); Bishop 31-6-69-3; Walsh 22-5-45-1 (nb 10, w 1); Hooper 18-5-26-0; Moseley 30-5-70-2 (nb 8, w 2).

Umpires: C Cumberbatch and L Barker.

# Unlucky Thorpe falls short

From Richard Streeton, Harare

GRAHAM THORPE missed his first century of the England A tour of Zimbabwe tour by two runs here yesterday as he and Stephen Rhodes built a commanding lead in the third five-day international. On a rain-shortened day, England were 334 for seven at the close, 185 runs ahead.

Thorpe's demise was an agonizing one: his hundred in sight, he became the victim of one of cricket's unluckiest dismissals, stumped when the ball rebounded from the wicket-keeper's pads.

It ended an innings full of crisp drives, jaunty cuts and strokes through the leg side which underlined the potential of this left-hander, who was the surprise selection for the tour.

Rhodes, too, confirmed his growing prowess as a batsman as he helped to add 136 in 57 overs for the seventh wicket. It completed a good recovery by England, who at one point, on Sunday, had been 85 for four.

Thorpe and Rhodes came together when Illingworth, the previous day's hero with his hundred as a nightwatchman, was dismissed by the first ball of the day. Illingworth pushed half forward at a ball from Jarvis, the left-arm seamer, but it cut back and trapped him leg-before.

In the morning, Thorpe and Rhodes took few chances, but they had started to accelerate when a thunderstorm brought a 95-minute stoppage in mid-afternoon.

Thorpe was on 94, and when play resumed in poor light, he took four careful singles before he was out, missing as he attempted to drive a ball from Traicos outside the off stump.

The ball hit the bottom of Andy Flower's pads and rebounded on to the stumps.

Thorpe had batted for nearly four and half hours and hit 12 fours.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 149 (A P Igglesden 5 for 33).

ENGLAND A: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| D J Bicknell c Goodwin b Brandes | 0 |
| J P Stephenson c Brandes b Traicos | 24 |
| R K Illingworth lbw b Jarvis | 106 |
| R J Blakey c Pycroft b Brandes | 6 |
| J J Whitaker c A Flower b Brandes | 2 |
| *M C J Nicholas c Goodwin b Brandes | 38 |
| G P Thorpe st A Flower b Traicos | 98 |
| †S J Rhodes not out | 55 |
| M P Bicknell not out | 1 |
| Extras (lb 4) | 4 |
| Total (7 wkts) | 334 |

A P Igglesden and S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-70, 3-81, 4-85, 5-171, 6-197, 7-333.

BOWLING: Brandes 39-8-104-4; Traicos 43-18-89-2; Jarvis 39-7-105-1; Duers 31-12-50-0; G Flower 3-0-12-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and K Kanjee.

# Queensland set huge task

SYDNEY (Reuter) — Queensland, set 654 to win their first Sheffield Shield final, were struggling to avoid a resounding defeat by New South Wales yesterday.

At close of play on the fourth day of the match, Queensland were 156 for four in their second innings. New South Wales won the round-robin series and a draw will suffice for them to be Shield champions for a record fortieth time.

New South Wales declared their second innings at 396 for nine, Mark Waugh scoring 78 not out to reach 1,000 runs for the season.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S B Small c Law b Rackemann | 75 |
| *M A Taylor c Healy b Tazelaar | 127 |
| T H Bayliss lbw b Border | 25 |
| S R Waugh c Healy b McDermott | 6 |
| M E Waugh c Healy b Border | 3 |
| †P A Emery b McDermott | 13 |
| M D O'Neill c Healy b Rackemann | 50 |
| G R J Matthews lbw b Tazelaar | 8 |
| A Tucker b Border | 4 |
| M R Whitney not out | 15 |
| W J Holdsworth b Kasprowicz | 7 |
| Extras (lb 9, nb 9) | 27 |
| Total | 360 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-160, 2-194, 3-205, 4-220, 5-261, 6-272, 7-286, 8-309, 9-347.

BOWLING: McDermott 38-8-102-2; Rackemann 28-6-72-2; Tazelaar 18-4-48-2; Border 24-5-44-3; Kasprowicz 12.3-2-40-1; Cantrell 15-4-39-0; Foley 3-1-8-0.

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S B Small b Law | 58 |
| *M A Taylor st Healy b Border | 100 |
| T H Bayliss c and b Rackemann | 58 |
| S R Waugh c Healy b Rackemann | 10 |
| M E Waugh not out | 78 |
| M D O'Neill b Cantrell | 0 |
| G R J Matthews b Cantrell | 19 |
| †P A Emery c Tazelaar b Rackemann | 11 |
| A Tucker run out | 16 |
| M R Whitney c Border b Cantrell | 8 |
| Extras (b 13, lb 13, w 2, nb 5) | 38 |
| Total (9 wkts dec) | 396 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-205, 3-242, 4-249, 5-254, 6-282, 7-311, 8-372, 9-396.

BOWLING: McDermott 18-1-81-0; Tazelaar 12-0-53-0; Kasprowicz 12-2-41-0; Border 16-1-58-1; Cantrell 20.5-5-71-3; Rackemann 22-7-36-3; Law 3-1-16-1; Clifford 4-1-14-0.

QUEENSLAND: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| P E Cantrell b Whitney | 0 |
| G Foley c and b Matthews | 0 |
| *G M Ritchie c Emery b Matthews | 16 |
| A R Border b Tucker | 36 |
| P S Clifford c Emery b M Waugh | 0 |
| S G Law b Matthews | 8 |
| †I A Healy not out | 21 |
| C J McDermott c and b Tucker | 2 |
| M Kasprowicz c Small b Tucker | 0 |
| D Tazelaar lbw b Matthews | 0 |
| C G Rackemann b Matthews | 9 |
| Extras (lb 7, nb 2) | 11 |
| Total | 103 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-44, 3-49, 4-64, 5-72, 6-76, 7-76, 8-77, 9-95.

BOWLING: Whitney 8-2-24-1; Holdsworth 5-3-16-0; Matthews 16.3-5-31-5; Tucker 11-4-17-3; M E Waugh 3-0-8-1.

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G Foley c Emery b Waugh | 10 |
| P E Cantrell st Emery b Matthews | 60 |
| S G Law c Small b Whitney | 6 |
| A R Border c Emery b Tucker | 34 |
| *G M Ritchie not out | 21 |
| P S Clifford not out | 12 |
| Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 3) | 13 |
| Total (4 wkts) | 156 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-42, 3-114, 4-122.

BOWLING: Whitney 14-4-39-1; Holdsworth 3-0-17-0; Waugh 3-0-8-1; Matthews 25-12-41-1; Tucker 15-2-36-1; O'Neill 2-0-8-0.

● NOTE: No-balls count double in the Sheffield Shield.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Bishop in line for a first League cap at Headingley

By Keith Macklin

DAVID Bishop has reason to believe that he has finally arrived as a rugby league player. The Hull Kingston Rovers and former Pontypool half back was yesterday named in the Great Britain squad of 17 for the return British Coal international against France at Headingley a week on Saturday.

This will be the first international call-up for Bishop, the fiery and occasionally controversial Welshman, since he joined Rovers in July 1988 after winning one rugby union cap for Wales. Bishop will have to wait and see if he is to be awarded an international cap at 13-a-side, since the actual team to play against France will not be named until next Monday.

Two other players come into the squad compared to the line-up against France at Perpignan, where Great Britain were a little fortunate to win 8-4 after a hard fought game. They are Carl Gibson, the Leeds three-quarter, and Karl Fairbank, the Bradford Northern forward. All three, the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, said, are included "because of their current outstanding form for their clubs."

Out of the squad are the two injured Wigan players, Joe Lydon and Andy Platt, and Darryl Powell, the Sheffield Eagles three-quarter.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: Backs: D Bishop (Hull KR), S Edwards (Wigan), C Gibson (Leeds), A Gregory (Wigan), P Loughlin (St Helens), M Offiah (Widnes), G Schofield (Leeds), G Steadman (Castleford), A Tait (Widnes). Forwards: K Beardmore (Castleford), D Betts (Wigan), K England (Castleford), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern), A Goodway (Wigan), M Gregory (Warrington), E Hanley (captain, Wigan), K Skerrett (Bradford Northern).

FRANCE: J-P Pougeau (St Esteve), H Ratier (Lezignan, capt), G Delaunay (Catalan), D Fraisse (Carcassonne), C Pons (St Gaudens), G Dumas (St Gaudens), P Entat (Avignon), J Moliner (Pamiers), D Cabestany (St Esteve), D Divet (Carcassonne), J-L Rabot (Villeneuve), T Valero (Lezignan), T Bourgade (Avignon). Replacements: P Alliaume (Toulouse), C Frison (Toulouse), D Bienes (St Gaudens), P Sokolow (Carcassonne).

● Paul Loughlin, the St Helens centre who played in the first game at Perpignan, may be forced out of the return game and the remaining championship and premiership matches with St Helens if he receives the customary eight-match suspension at Thursday's disciplinary hearing for an alleged high tackle against Leigh.

● Paul Moriarty, the Widnes forward, will have an operation today on a knee injury.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

# Van Basten puts Milan top again

By Keith Blackmore

AC MILAN, the Italian champions, brought to an end a series of shaky performances by beating Lecce on Sunday to attain the lead of the Italian first division.

Milan, who had lost their two previous league matches, to Juventus and Inter Milan, and required penalties to beat Mechelen, of Belgium, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup on Wednesday, fell behind to a goal in the seventh minute. But Baresi, the sweeper, scored the equalizer after 35 minutes, and Van Basten provided the winner in the second half.

The result kept Milan a point ahead of Naples, who beat Juventus 3-1, Maradona scoring twice, once direct from a free kick.

It was a day of high scoring in Italy. Nine first division matches produced 35 goals, nine of them coming in the game between Inter and Atalanta. Inter's West German forwards Klinsmann and Mattaus, were among the scorers as their team won 7-2.

Another West German, Rudi Völler, scored twice as Roma beat Verona 5-2 but goals were scarce in West Germany itself, with nine first division games on Saturday producing only 11. Bayern Munich, the leaders, were among those who failed to score and their draw with Bochum allowed Bayer Leverkusen to cut their lead to three points.

Real Madrid need only six points from their remaining seven matches to become champions of the Spanish first division for the sixth consecutive season. They beat Tenerife 5-3 at the weekend, Hugo Sanchez scoring twice.

Real are nine points clear at the top of the table and their traditional rivals, Barcelona, were dislodged from second place by Atlético Madrid. Atlético won 2-0 before 60,000 supporters in Nou Camp.

In France, Marseilles faltered in their pursuit of Bordeaux. Fresh from the success of reaching the semi-finals of the European Cup, they went down 2-1 to Brest while Bordeaux beat Paris Saint-Germain to open a three-point lead at the top of the first division.

## OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

AUSTRIAN: SK Rapid 0, FCS Tirol 1; Sturm Graz 0, Austria Salzburg 0; VSE St Pölten 1, Austria Vienna 1; Admira Wacker 5, Vienna 1. Leading positions: 1, FCS Tirol, 26 pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 23; 3, Admira Wacker, 21.

BELGIAN: Kortrijk 0, Anderlecht 2; Club Bruges 3, Waregem 0; Ekeren 1, Antwerp 3; Ghent 4, Racing Mechelen 1; Mechelen 3, Lokeren 0; Standard Liège 4, Cercle Bruges 1; Beerschot 0, St Truiden 0; Charleroi 1, Beveren 1; Lierse 2, FC Liège 1. Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht, played 27, 44; 2, Club Bruges, 27, 44; 3, Mechelen, 27, 41.

BULGARIAN: Beroe Stara Zagora 3, Slavia Sofia 0; Vitosha Sofia 1, Lokomotiv Orlahovitsa 0; Etur Tarnovo 3, Botev Vratsa 0; Chernomorets 0, Pirin 0; Sliven 2, Hebur 0; Lokomotiv Sofia 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Dunav Ruse 1, Cherno More 0; Botev Plovdiv 2, CFKA Sredets 0. Leading positions: 1, CFKA Sredets, 20, 32; 2, Slavia Sofia, 20, 25; 3, Vitosha Sofia, 20, 24.

CZECHOSLOVAK: ZVL Povazska Bystrica 0, Inter Bratislava 3; DAC Dunajska Streda 1, Plastika Nitra 3; Slavia Prague 4, Sigma Olomouc 0; Slovan Bratislava 0, Banik Ostrava 0; Zbrojovka Brno 4, Dukla Prague 0; TJ Vitkovice 1, Spartak Trnava 1; RH Cheb 1, Bohemians Prague 1; Sparta Prague 1, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Prague, 22, 35; 2, Inter Bratislava, 22, 30; 3, Banik Ostrava, 22, 29.

DUTCH: Willem II 3, FC Groningen 0; BVV Den Bosch 1, Vitesse 2; Roda JC 5, Haarlem 0; MVV Maastricht 0, PSV Eindhoven 1; NEC Nijmegen 0, Feyenoord 0; Ajax 1, Fortuna Sittard 0; FC Den Haag 1, FC Utrecht 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Volendam 0; FC Twente Enschede 0, RKC Waalwijk 1. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven 27, 38; 2, Ajax, 26, 36; 3, Roda JC, 27, 35.

EAST GERMAN: Dynamo Dresden 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 4; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Hansa Rostock 0; FC Magdeburg 2, Lokomotive Leipzig 2; Chemie 1, Berlin 2; Energie Cottbus 3, Stahl Eisenhuettenstadt 1; Stahl Brandenburg 0, Fortschritt Bischofswerda 2; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Wismut Aue 1. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Dresden, 18, 26; 2, FC Magdeburg, 18, 25; 3, Berlin, 18, 24.

FRENCH: Bordeaux 3, Paris St Germain 0; Brest 2, Marseilles 1; Monaco 2, Auxerre 4; Sochaux 1, Nice 1; Caen 1, Lyons 1; St Etienne 0, Nantes 0; Lille 3, Toulouse 0; Toulon 1, Metz 1; Cannes 4, Mulhouse 1; Racing Paris 0, Montpellier 0. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux 30, 44; 2, Marseilles, 29, 41; 3, Monaco 30, 35.

GREEK: Kalamaria 3, Panionios 3; Doxa 2, Apollon Kalamerias 1; Ethnikos 1, Aris Thessaloniki 1; Ionikos 0, Xanthi 0; Larissa 0, Iraklis 0; Volos 3, Levadiakos 0; OFI Kritis 3, AEK Athens 1; Serres 2, Panathinaikos 0; PAOK Thessaloniki 4, Olympiakos 1. Leading positions: 1, Panathinaikos, 26, 40; 2, Olympiakos, 26, 38; 3, AEK Athens, 26, 37.

IRISH: FAI Cup: second round: Bohemians 3, Home Farm 0; Cobh Ramblers 2, St Francis 2; Cork City 1, Shamrock Rovers 1; Derry City 2, University College Dublin 0; Galway United 1, Athlone Town 1; Limerick City 1, St Patrick's Athletic 4; Shelbourne 1, Bray Wanderers 1; Sligo Rovers 0, Newcastlewest 2.

ITALIAN: Bologna 1, Sampdoria 0; Cremonese 2, Ascoli 1; Fiorentina 0, Cesena 0; Genoa 2, Lazio 2; Inter Milan 7, Atalanta 2; Lecce 1, AC Milan 2; Napoli 3, Juventus 1; Roma 5, Verona 2; Udinese 2, Bari 2. Leading positions: 1, Milan, 30, 44; 2, Napoli, 30, 43; 3, Inter Milan, 30, 40.

POLISH: LKS Lodz 0, Wisla Krakow 0; Slask Wroclaw 3, Jagiellonia Bialystok 0; Legia Warszawa 2, Motor Lublin 0; Olimpia Poznan 1, Gornik Zabrze 0; GKS Katowice 2, Ruch Chorzow 0; Zaglebie Lubin 1, Widzew Lodz 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2, Stal Mielec 0; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2, Lech Poznan 0. Leading positions: 1, Zaglebie Lubin, 19, 28; 2, GKS Katowice 19, 27; 3, Zawisza Bydgoszcz, 19, 25.

PORTUGUESE: Benfica 2, Sporting Lisbon 1; Boavista 1, Beira Mar 2; Braga 1, Porto 2; Chaves 1, Belenenses 1; Estrela Amadora 0, Vitória Setúbal 1; Feirense 2, Penafiel 1; Maritimo 1, Portimonense 1; Tirsense 1, Nacional Madeira 0; Uniao Madeira 1, Vitória Guimarães 1. Leading positions: 1, Porto, 25, 44; 2, Benfica, 25, 41; 3, Vitória Guimarães, 25, 36.

SPANISH: Osasuna 2, Málaga 0; Real Sociedad 1, Celta 0; Real Madrid 5, Tenerife 2; Rayo Vallecano 0, Logroñes 2; Barcelona 0, Atlético Madrid 2; Real Mallorca 1, Sporting Gijón 1; Castellón 0, Valencia 1; Real Oviedo 4, Cádiz 3; Real Valladolid 3, Seville 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Athletic Bilbao 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 31, 51; 2, Atlético Madrid, 31, 42; 3, Valencia, 31, 42.

SWISS: Lausanne 1, St Gallen 0; Lugano 1, Sion 0; Lucerne 2, Young Boys 0; Neuchâtel Xamax 2, Grasshoppers 3. Leading positions (first phase of season in brackets): 1, Neuchâtel Xamax 5, 32 (14); 2, Lausanne, 5, 18 (11); 3, Grasshoppers, 5, 17 (13).

WEST GERMAN: VfL Bochum 0, Bayern Munich 0; VfB Stuttgart 0, Kaiserslautern 1; Karlsruhe 0, Nuremberg 0; Cologne 1, Borussia Dortmund 1; Waldhof Mannheim 0, Werder Bremen 0; Bayer Uerdingen 0, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; SV Hamburg 0, St Pauli 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Bayer Leverkusen 3; Homburg 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 3.

YUGOSLAV: Vardar Skopje 4, Velez Mostar 1; Vojvodina Novi Sad 1, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1 (5-4 pens); Sloboda Tuzla 2, Osijek 0; Spartak Subotica 1, Hajduk Split 0; Red Star Belgrade 1, Radnicki Nis 0; Dynamo Zagreb 2, Partizan Belgrade 1; Sarajevo 4, Buducnost Titograd 1; Olimpija Ljubljana 4, Borac Banja Luka 1. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Zagreb, 25, 38; 2, Red Star Belgrade, 25, 35; 3, Buducnost Titograd 25, 25.

SNOOKER

# Clark is on course to qualify

By a Special Correspondent

MARTIN CLARK, tipped as a future champion, laid the foundations at Preston yesterday for what he hoped would be a first appearance in the final stages of the Embassy world championships.

The diminutive Midlander, a stablemate of Stephen Hendry, failed at the final hurdle before the championships in Sheffield last year when he was beaten by Bob Chaperon, the British Open champion.

Tony Chappel, of Wales, barred his path this time but, with another possible 10 frames remaining, Clark led 6-3 needing another four for victory.

Clark, who started the season one place outside the world's top 16 elite but is now provisionally listed at No. 11, will be disappointed that he did not obtain a more formidable lead. He won the first three frames before Chappel responded with a break of 46.

Clark responded with a 51 break to lead 4-1, only for Chappel to share the last four frames of the opening session.

Peter Francisco was another player not to have made the most of a commanding early lead. The South African dropped the first frame to a break of 56 by Mark Johnston-Allen but responded by pocketing the next six.

Johnston-Allen, a former public schoolboy from Bristol, heeded his lesson and breaks of 97 and 32 cut the interval deficit to 6-3.

RESULTS: Final qualifying round: P Francisco (SA) leads M Johnston-Allen (Eng), 6-3; D Roe (Eng) leads N Gilbert (Eng), 5-4; E Hughes (Rep of Ire) leads B Gollan (Can), 5-4; M Clark (Eng) leads T Chappel (Wales), 6-3; R Williams (Eng) leads M Bennett (Wales), 5-4; B West (Eng) leads D Fowler (Eng), 6-3; W Jones (Wales) leads J Chambers (Eng), 5-4; C Wilson (Wales) leads T Wilson (IoM), 5-4.

BASKETBALL

# Kingston closing in on clean sweep

By Nicholas Harling

AT a point in their season when they could be excused for complacency and apathy after all they have achieved, Kingston's attitude could hardly be more different.

If they are already sated by success, Kevin Cadle, their coach, is determined that his squad will not show it when they go for their fifth, and final, trophy of a remarkable season in the Carlsberg championship play-offs, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham over the Easter weekend.

"No team in England has ever won every trophy it has gone after," Cadle said, making little secret of the fact that besides overdue recognition for his coaching qualities, he would like more for his all-conquering team. The manner of their 103-78 victory over Sunderland in the Coca-Cola Cup final, before a capacity crowd of 5,800 at the London Arena on Sunday, indicated that Cadle may get his wish.

If Kingston succeed in Birmingham, they will be confirmed as the most successful English team yet. Solent won all three domestic trophies in the 1983-84 season, but, as Cadle points out, they lost the Daihatsu event to Mim Livingston, from Scotland, in the final.

Looking even further ahead, to the European Cup next season, Cadle views Kingston's search for a sponsor as vital. Domestic rivals have scarcely exposed any lack of depth on the Kingston bench, but Continental teams would certainly do so.

That is why, the two Kingston youngsters, Matthew Cunningham, aged 17, and Steve Tomaschek, aged 19, who came on for the last four minutes against Sunderland, when victory was already assured, may have to bide their time.

The day's earlier, far more exciting, National Trophy final was a redeeming feature for the one-sided Coca-Cola event.

SWIMMING

# Henkel makes return for West Germany

BONN (Reuter) — West Germany's double world champion, Rainer Henkel, will make his return to top-class swimming at an international meeting in Coventry next month.

The 26-year-old Henkel, who won gold in the 400 and 1,500 metres freestyle at the 1986 championships in Madrid, was named yesterday in the 26-strong West German team for a four-nation international with Britain, The Netherlands and Sweden.

But the triple Olympic champion, Michael Gross, who also plans a return to competition in a build-up to next year's world championships in Australia, was surprisingly not named in the West German team for Coventry.

After his Madrid victories, Henkel failed to figure in the 1988 Seoul Olympics and did not qualify for last year's European Championships, which were held in the West German capital, Bonn.

He considered quitting the sport but has been inspired to return to competition since his marriage to international high jumper Heike Redetzky. The Coventry meeting will be his first appearance for almost a year.

## POOLS FORECAST by VINCE WRIGHT

Saturday March 31 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
X Charlton v QPR
1 Chelsea v Derby
1 Man Utd v Coventry
2 Millwall v C Palace
X Norwich v Luton
1 Nottm F v Wimbledon
X Sheff W v Tottenham

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Everton; Aston Villa v Man City (Sunday); Liverpool v Southampton

SECOND DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Oxford
2 Bradford C v Sundrlnd
X Hull v West Brom
1 Middlesbro v Oldham
1 Newcastle v Brighton
X Plymouth v Ipswich
1 Portsmth v Bournemth
X Stoke v Sheff Utd
1 Swindon v Leicester
2 Watford v Blackburn
1 West Ham v Port Vale
2 Wolves v Leeds

THIRD DIVISION
1 Brentford v Shrewsbury
1 Bristol C v Mansfield
1 Bury v Fulham
2 Cardiff v Blackpool
X Chester v Bolton
1 Huddersfld v B'ham
2 Northampton v Bristol R
X Preston v Notts Co
1 Reading v Leyton O
X Rotherham v Crewe
2 Walsall v Wigan

Not on coupons: Tranmere v Swansea (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Burnley v Doncaster
1 Carlisle v Scarboro
1 Chesterfld v Gillingham
X Colchstr v Scunthorpe
1 Grimsby v Lincoln
2 Hereford v Exeter
2 Maidstone v Southend
1 Rochdale v Halifax
1 Torquay v Aldershot
X York v Hartlepool

Not on coupons: Cambridge v Wrexham (Friday); Stockport v Peterborough (Friday)

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X Bangor v Colne
X Fleetwood v Hyde
X Frickley v Matlock
2 Gainsboro v S Liverpl

SCOTTISH PREMIER
X Dundee v Aberdeen
X Dunfermline v Dundee U
1 Hibernian v Hearts
1 St Mirren v Motherwell

Not on coupons: Rangers v Celtic (Sunday)

SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Albion v Meadowbk
2 Alloa v Hamilton
1 Falkirk v Morton
2 Forfar v Clyde
1 Partick v Clydebank
1 Raith v Ayr
1 St Johnstone v Airdrie

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Kilmarnock v Brechin
X Montrose v East Fife
1 Q of Sth v E Stirling

Not on coupons: Berwick v Dumbarton; Queen's Park v Stirling; Stenhousemuir v Arbroath; Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Charlton, Sheff Wed, Hull, Plymouth, Chester, Colchester, York, Fleetwood, Frickley, Dundee, Dunfermline, Montrose.

BEST DRAWS: Charlton, Plymouth, Preston, Colchester, York.

AWAYS: Sunderland, Blackburn, South Liverpool, Meadowbank, Hamilton.

HOMES: Chelsea, Newcastle, Portsmouth, Swindon, Bristol City, Reading, Carlisle, Grimsby, Torquay, Falkirk, Raith, Queen of the South.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Liverpool, Bristol City. Aways: Blackburn, South Liverpool, Hamilton. Draws: Plymouth, Preston, Colchester.

GOLF

# Bradley back on course for a place in history

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

A COUPLE of years ago, Pat Bradley thought her career was over. In 1986, she had won three of the four major championships, two other titles, nearly $500,000 and was No. 1 on the US Women's Tour. In 1987, she slipped to fifteenth on the money list, and in 1988 to 109th.

"It was frightening," she admitted at Moon Valley in Phoenix on Sunday, in the midst of the celebrations of her win in the Standard Register Turquoise Classic — the 25th victory of her career and her second of the season.

Rather to her relief, in that it explained a lot, she was diagnosed as having hyperthyroidism, and she must take pills for the rest of her life. But it is a small price to pay for fitness, and last year she won again and was fourth on the money list, with more than $400,000.

Having held off Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, and Betsy King, a fellow American and the No. 1 last year, to win $75,000 on Sunday, Bradley, aged 39, a New Englander, moved back to the top of the money list. She also became the first woman to accumulate over $3 million in career earnings. Her main target, however, is elsewhere: the Hall of Fame.

There are only 11 members of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame and there is little doubt that the rules of entry are too tough for the modern game. Bradley, with six important championships to her credit, should be in there already.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 280: P Bradley, 70, 71, 68, 71. 281: A Okamoto (Japan), 72, 69, 69, 71. 282: E King, 69, 72, 70, 71. 286: E Daniel, 72, 71, 71, 71; C Figg-Currier, 69, 74, 72, 71; K Albers, 70, 70, 71, 74. Others: 293: L Davies (GB), 77, 72, 70, 74. 294: L Neumann (Swe), 77, 67, 76, 74.

# Last-hole eagle from Gamez sinks Norman

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

"I EXPECTED Greg [Norman] to get a birdie at the last hole and tie," said Robert Gamez, aged 21, the former Walker Cup player, after upstaging the flamboyant Australian by holing out from 176 yards with a seven-iron for an eagle two at the final hole to win the Nestlé Invitation at Bay Hill.

Gamez, a remarkably talented and composed young player, explained that he had got a six-iron out of his bag until he noticed that the wind had risen slightly and that his partner, Larry Mize, had hit a seven-iron from behind him. He changed to the same club.

"As soon as I saw my ball in the air, I told my caddie [his brother Randy] 'That's going to be close'," Gamez said. It was. The ball pitched beyond the flag and, to the delight of the huge crowd, sucked back into the hole. That gave him a 66 and meant that Norman needed to birdie the same hole to force a play-off. The Australian just failed with an 18-footer.

The Queenslander has had to endure a whole series of "miracle strokes" from opponents in his career. There was Bob Tway's bunker shot which beat him in the 1986 PGA Championship, the 50-yard pitch-in by Mize in the play-off at the 1987 Masters and, last year at Troon, Mark Calcavecchia's fine seven-iron in the Open play-off.

Jose-Maria Olazábal's 69 gave him joint tenth position and was the best performance of the eight Europeans who started. Nick Faldo shot a steady but uninspired 72.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 274: R Gamez, 71, 69, 68, 66. 275: G Norman (Aus), 74, 68, 65, 68. 278: L Mize, 71, 70, 67, 68. 277: C Strange, 69, 70, 68, 70; S Hoch, 69, 68, 70, 70; F Allem (SA), 74, 68, 65, 69. Other: 281: J M Olazábal (Sp), 68, 73, 71, 69. 282: N Faldo (GB), 74, 67, 69, 72. 294: R Rafferty (GB), 72, 75, 74, 73.

BOWLS

# Johnston and Bryant lose opening games

MARGARET JOHNSTON, the women's world indoor champion, made a bad start in the Robert Hutchinson Opticians Masters tournament which opened at Ely yesterday, losing 15-5 to a local, Ian Brown.

Stephen Rees, a Welsh international, and Wynne Richards, Gary Smith and John Ottaway, of England, began with victories, but there were setbacks for David Bryant, beaten 14-9 by Martin Jackman, and Roy Cutts, who lost 14-12 to Simon Leader.

RESULTS: Group A: W Richards (Cambridge Park, Twickenham) bt D Wilson (Boston), 15-10; M Entwistle (Ely) bt G Harlow (Ely), 15-13. Group B: J Roylance (North Walsham) bt H Duff (Auchinleck), 15-3; S Airey (Blackpool Fylde) bt W Hobert (Boston), 15-14. Group C: J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell) bt O Cornwell (Ely), 15-13; D Bell (Ely) bt J Simmons (Ely), 15-5; Cornwell bt Simmons, 15-5; Ottaway bt Bell, 15-11. Group D: S Leader (St Neots) bt R Cutts (Ipswich), 14-12; I Brown (Ely) bt M Johnston (Belfast), 15-5. Group E: M King (Hunstanton) bt T Lowe (Ely), 15-13; T Sullivan (Swansea) bt B Harlow (Ely), 9-8. Group F: M Jackman (Ely) bt D Bryant (Clevedon), 14-9; E King (Ely) bt J Browning (Ely), 15-10. Group G: S Rees (Swansea) bt C Thornhill (Ely), 16-5; A Friend (Ipswich) bt D Ward (North Walsham), 16-6. Group H: C Horn (Boston) bt S Palmer (Ely), 13-10; G Smith (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt A Easy (Ely), 15-11

FOOTBALL

# Brazil find a new magical potion

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

THE BRAZILIAN magic has gone. That regrettable opinion is offered by no less an authority than Brazil's manager, Sebastiao Lazaroni. But he believes that, instead of relying on individual brilliance, he has found a more dependable formula with which to cast bewitching spells during the World Cup.

Without diminishing the natural ingredients of any Brazilian side, the soft touch and the graceful athleticism, he has added the tougher characteristics of power and aggression more usually associated with Europeans. The blend, he feels, could lead to a triumphant conclusion in Rome's Olympic Stadium on July 8.

"We are trying to find a better equilibrium between attack and defence," he says. "We have the natural talent to attack. Now we need more competitive players to fight, not with the fists but for results. It is important that we adjust our philosophy and I'm teaching my players the reality of the modern game."

There were misgivings in his own homeland when he took over a year ago. He was felt to be tactically naive. But results since he became the first Brazilian manager to employ a sweeper have transformed his reputation and his team, which is regarded as one of the favourites of the World Cup.

He still has his critics. For instance, Socrates, the former captain, says: "We are too rigid and our natural flair has been limited." But, under Lazaroni, Brazil won the South American championship for the first time in 40 years and have lost only three of their 23 fixtures.

Their defeats were inflicted during a tour of Scandinavia last summer when they were severely depleted. At full strength they recently conquered Italy, the World Cup hosts, and The Netherlands, who have otherwise remained unbeaten since they became the European champions two years ago, in their own backyards.

He relishes the opportunity to measure his team against England, another of the finalists he respects. "We are grateful to play at Wembley, one of the most famous stadiums in the world, and I'm pleased to hear that it will be full. It forms part of our preparation for a hard World Cup.

"We expect a difficult game. I like Lineker and Shilton in particular and Barnes can be a threat. It is a pity that Bryan Robson is injured. He's a truly great player." Even though he has seen England play only on film, the style is familiar. It has been, he says, since 1966.

"You changed football then. Time and space became smaller and life was more difficult because there was less room to use technical skills. We are trying to change our attitude now as well but your fans shouldn't worry. At Wembley you will see true Brazilian football.

"I can't alter our philosophy. No one coach can. That would take 100 coaches and 10 years. Anyway, why should I when I have 11 good players?" His only absentee is Romario, the leading scorer in The Netherlands before he fractured a bone in his leg three weeks ago.

"He is an important player," Lazaroni says. "When I heard that he could be playing again in a fortnight, I telephoned him to tell him to take it easy and to be sure to be okay for Italy." Romario, of PSV Eindhoven, is only one of his European exiles.

Nine of the side he chose against The Netherlands in Rotterdam in December, for example, belonged to Continental clubs. They have already experienced for themselves the mental approach which Lazaroni is instilling in his squad.

"We are learning to use individual technique for the benefit of the whole team. We used to have a genius called Pelé but we don't have one now. When we come to rub our lamp in Italy, perhaps we will find another Aladdin. I hope so. Each contender for the World Cup has six or seven players and I wouldn't write off Argentina.

"Maradona is their genius, their Aladdin. He has had problems but Carlos Bilardo [Argentina's manager] tells me that Diego will be fit and ready." Apart from Italy and The Netherlands, he chooses West Germany because of their record and England, "because of their tradition," as the other potential threats.

Lazaroni graduated from being, in his own words, "a very bad goalkeeper" to leading Flamengo (in 1986) and Vasco de Gama (in 1987 and 1988) to the domestic title. As he seeks success on a grander managerial scale, he says that he is "confident" in his own new magical potion.

Lazaroni: a European formula

# Seaman and Beasant under scrutiny

From Clive White
Dublin

WHILE an embarrassment of riches in the goalkeeping position continues to give Bobby Robson, the England manager, sleepless nights, for the Republic of Ireland there is no such problem. Jack Charlton, their manager, announced yesterday that he would probably include only two goalkeepers among his squad of 22 for the World Cup finals in Italy this summer.

"I can always call up a third if someone gets injured," he said on the eve of the B international between the two countries in Cork. Presumably Robson has already taken into account the FIFA rule which permits only goalkeepers to be added to the squad in the event of injury. Robson has admitted half-jokingly that he may have to toss a coin to decide which two among Chris Woods, David Seaman and Dave Beasant will accompany Peter Shilton, his first choice, in Italy.

Today Seaman and Beasant will attempt to dispense with the need for any recourse to pot luck when they play a half each. Beasant spoke for probably all three when he said: "It would be a terrible blow to have got this far and miss out."

At least Beasant should be on an emotional high after the triumph by Chelsea at Wembley on Sunday in the Zenith Data Systems Cup final. That is in stark contrast to Seaman whose dreams of joining Arsenal remain exactly that after the exchange deal involving himself and John Lukic collapsed last week.

It is not many months ago that Beasant's hopes seemed to be plummeting along with Chelsea as they slipped down the first division table. "I was getting a bit worried when the goals were flying in even though they were not always down to me. I thought that I was playing well but that sort of thing can't do you any good," he said. Chelsea have recovered their form not a moment too soon as far as Beasant's reputation is concerned.

Neither Beasant nor Seaman, though, may get too many opportunities to steal a march on one another against a much less experienced Republic side. The Irish have opted for youth and welcome the challenge it will receive from the likes of Tony Adams, Matthew Le Tissier and possibly Nigel Clough and Tony Daley. Quinn, selected in the Irish attack, admitted that he would rather face just about any other centre back than Adams, his former Arsenal colleague, of whom he has a rather different view than many critics.

A greater threat to the two England goalkeepers is more likely to come from Alan McLoughlin, who has scored 16 goals this season from midfield for Swindon Town. Charlton had considered selecting him for the seniors' match against Wales in Dublin tomorrow but had decided that it was better to blood him at a "lower" level. Not so Bernie Slaven, of Middlesbrough, who will be given the chance to rid himself of his Wembley disappointment with his first international appearance.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND B: G Kelly (Bury); D Irwin (Oldham Athletic), J Beglin (Leeds Utd), P Scully (Arsenal), D Brazil (Manchester Utd) or L Daish (Cambridge Utd), A McLoughlin (Swindon Town), M Milligan (Oldham Athletic), M Kelly (Portsmouth), B Mooney (Preston North End), D Kelly (Leicester City), N Quinn (Manchester City).

ENGLAND B: D Beasant (Chelsea) or D Seaman (QPR); L Dixon (Arsenal), A Linighan (Norwich City), A Adams (Arsenal), N Winterburn (Arsenal), M Le Tissier (Southampton), D Batty (Leeds Utd), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), A Sinton (QPR), D Atkinson (Sheffield Wednesday), P Williams (Charlton Athletic).

● Six full internationals are in the Scotland side which takes on Yugoslavia in the B international at Fir Park, Motherwell tonight. Despite injuries, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, has been able to name a strong line-up and is looking forward to seeing how the forward combination of Ray Stephen and Gordon Durie fares.

SCOTLAND B: B Gunn (Norwich City); S Clarke (Chelsea), D McPherson (Hearts), D Whyte (Celtic), T Boyd (Motherwell), G McAllister (Leicester City), P Grant (Celtic), I Ferguson (Rangers), S Munro (Rangers), R Stephen (Nancy), G Durie (Chelsea). Substitutes: to be announced.

Hidden talent: Two England players take cover in training but there will be no hiding against Brazil says Bobby Robson

## Roberts is ruled out by Wales

TERRY YORATH, the Wales manager, had to think of yet another name for his squad to face World Cup qualifiers, the Republic of Ireland, tomorrow, when he was unable to add Iwan Roberts to his list.

Yorath had hoped to replace the injured Mark Hughes with the Watford forward, but he then discovered Roberts is likely to be ruled out for six weeks because of an inflamed pelvis.

Instead, Yorath has drafted in Andy Jones, of Charlton Athletic, along with the Portsmouth defender, Gavin Maguire, who replaces the injured captain, Kevin Ratcliffe, of Everton.

● Owen Oyston, the majority shareholder, has been appointed chairman of Blackpool in succession to the local solicitor, Ken Chadwick, who resigned last week. One of his first duties will be to preside at tonight's annual general meeting when shareholders will be told of big losses by the club struggling for third division survival.

## Bingham priority is to avoid defeat

By George Ace

BILLY BINGHAM put his much-changed Northern Ireland squad through an hour-long workout yesterday afternoon in preparation for the match against Norway at Windsor Park, Belfast, tonight — a first tentative step in the build-up to the European championship which gets underway later in the year.

"Ideally I would have liked to have had my full complement of players together for this first opening match but suspensions ruled out Norman Whiteside and Nigel Worthington," Bingham said. "And injuries have forced me to bring in Gary Fleming, Mark Todd and Raymond McCoy to replace Alan McDonald, Michael O'Neill and Robbie Dennison.

"It is unfortunate but it does provide an opportunity to gauge the ability of players on the fringe in international competition."

Bingham will strive to avoid a defeat. It seems certain that he will start the match with the most experienced team he has at his disposal.

The biggest problem for the manager is how he is going to deploy his troops. One area that is going to demand all his acumen is midfield.

"I am heartened by the fact that Clarke, Quinn, Black and the Wilson boys are scoring goals at club level and if they can keep up the good work it may well be a memorable night for Northern Ireland football," Bingham said.

Northern Ireland have achieved only two wins in the last 18 internationals.

Bingham has several options open to him. While he may be prepared to gamble on one or two of the newcomers, it will be surprising if he omits any of his proven defenders.

● A late withdrawal from the Norwegian squad is Runey Bratseth, the captain. The defender, aged 29, is needed by his club, Werder Bremen, for a West German Cup match.

## Jordan is leading a revival

By a Special Correspondent

TEN springs ago, Bristol City were dropping from the first division after four seasons and into bankruptcy. Their very existence was secured when eight players tore up their contracts in a unique act of self-sacrifice and the club was reconstituted under a new board of directors.

The sole playing survivor from that trauma is Rob Newman, aged 26, from Wiltshire, who takes them into a home game with Northampton Town tonight leading the third division by three points with two games in hand.

With money in the bank, and by repute one of the wealthiest clubs outside the first division, they are the clear favourites to regain a full vote as Football League members.

Their manager is Joe Jordan, a much travelled Scot, with 52 international caps, who will be accompanying his national side to the World Cup finals in Italy.

In his first season as a manager, Jordan took City to the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals, losing to Nottingham Forest in extra time, but faced antagonism from the terraces when he failed to win promotion.

Now aged 38 and sitting on the offer of a three-year contract, he has few illusions left, for, at a recent match, because of the shortage of players, he was forced to name himself as a substitute. This season the directors were unhappy at one player he brought in on loan, the Welsh international, Andy Jones, and he had to send him back to Charlton. It was a decision, he insists, the board were fully entitled to make.

"It taught me winning promotion is more vital than anything else," he said. "That is why, when we received wide acclaim for beating Chelsea in the FA Cup, I was relatively unmoved.

"Some people are already talking as if we are up but there is a quarter of the season remaining and celebrations are premature."

## Supporters to fight election

CHARLTON ATHLETIC supporters, angry at Greenwich Council's decision to refuse the club planning permission for a return to the Valley from Selhurst Park, have launched a campaign to put up 60 candidates in all 32 wards of the borough for the Greenwich Borough Council elections in May.

The Valley Party plan a high profile campaign which will include putting posters throughout the borough to remind Greenwich people of the 69 year relationship between the football club and the community.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

# Do without rugby players and just have Uncle Bill

*Henry Kelly, the journalist and broadcaster, with a personal appraisal of the week's sport on television*

AT two o'clock last Friday afternoon, I settled into the corner snug of my favourite Maida Vale pub to watch live Sky coverage of the Test from Port of Spain.

By then the West Indies had lost the toss to Gooch and were already striding to the wicket, arms swinging, heads — under maroon helmets — held high, eyes alert.

Hardly had the measure steadied in my glass before Greenidge was gone, caught at his hip-pocket by Alec Stewart; the ice went clunk-click and Haynes flashed to Lamb at third slip — five for two. Next, as the impersonation of the recently-deceased Lev Yashin, down the leg-side, and Richardson was out for eight; by the time I was ready to raise a toast to this excitement, Dujon, forgetting where his stumps were, had padded up and was leg-before to Small.

Honestly, be fair, I'd have been forgiven for thinking, looking at the scoreboard showing West Indies 29 for five, that I'd already had too much to drink, I was relieved to hear that Ted Dexter, arriving in Port of Spain to be told the score, had to check three times before he believed it wasn't actually England batting.

Watching Sky, if it's not your own dish, is a bit like backing a winner: you have no responsibility for anything and you get all the benefits. I saw my first Test cricket on television under not-dissimilar circumstances in Ireland in the early 1960s. Not yet having a set of our own, I used to sit in a neighbour's front room from 11.25am through the day watching. The lady of the house was so amazed at this, she even supplied me with lunch and afternoon tea as if I were some kind of paying guest. For the record, she was a Cricket-Hating English Woman.

I could do without Tony Greig, but he grows on you; and I could certainly do without Master Boycott telling me that a Jack Russell "miss" — eight feet over his head, six feet away and going at 90 miles an hour — was "easy". In the commentary box, maybe. Still, Boycott is one of the better *explainers* of the game anywhere in the world.

I did what every true Irishman who wasn't at Lansdowne Road on Saturday did: I pretended the game against Wales didn't really matter since the grand slam and triple crown were lost and, anyway, "they are two bad sides".

The heck they are. Ireland were brilliant. What these rugby writers don't understand is that the fastest thing on earth is an Irish rugby supporter changing his mind. By the first 10 minutes or so when we were 10 points up, I was full of it: "That's the stuff lads"; "Yippee, another one"; "Easy on now, boys, remember they're visitors"; and so on and so on.

I also have this theory that we could programme a game of rugby for the BBC's great Bill McLaren. We wouldn't need to have any players — just Bill with the lists of the two teams saying things like: "And Murphy hoists, a good one with the wind, finds touch . . . my word, that was a good one and his father, the great Noel, and all the boys in Cork Constitution will give that one a cheer, I'll bet."

You see, we don't need rugby once we have Uncle Bill telling us not just what's happening on the field of play but how it's all being received miles away in the humble bars of rural Ireland and the valleys and hills of Wales.

I was relieved at the sporting events not being covered by any television channel, satellite or terrestrial. There was, mercifully no coverage of synchronized swimming from Crystal Palace; not a frame was shown of canoeing, though while I'm on this subject I might mention that there's a cult sport following to be had for free for the first station brave enough to cover men's handball. If you haven't seen men's handball played properly, you haven't lived. It's like pelota, only not so genteel.

I watched the World Cup snooker final from Bournemouth and once again marvelled at Cliff Thorburn and Dennis Taylor managing to finish a game at all. Considering the number of times Cliff twiddles his moustache before hitting the ball, I suppose we should be thankful he hasn't got a beard. Still, it was all well done.

Finally, I watched the opening days of the Flat Racing season on Channel Four, professionally done as ever with a team led by Brough Scott, whose television style is to appear to release the time of the next race as if it were strictly confidential information.

Try as the lads might, I'm afraid that coming hard on the heels of the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival, the opening of the Flat was a bit like coming from spending a night on the town with Alex Higgins to a weekend in Eastbourne with Steve Davis.

ATHLETICS

# Backley raring to attack new record

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

STEVE BACKLEY, the World Cup javelin champion, reacted with a mixture of surprise and relief yesterday to the world-record throw of the Swede, Patrik Boden, at the weekend. Boden had given no notice of his world-record potential; Backley was the one who had left his calling card by falling just 1.64 metres short of the record when winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal last month.

Backley threw 86.02 metres in Auckland; Jan Zelezny's world record was 87.66 metres, before Boden, who until a fortnight ago had a best of 82.28 metres, took it out to 89.10 metres at a college meeting in Austin, Texas. "I haven't stopped training since I heard," Backley said, with his typical dry wit.

"When I found out that the record had been broken I thought it might have been Kazuhiro Mizoguchi [personal best, 87.60 metres], but when I heard it was Boden it came as a tremendous shock. It means the race is on for 90 metres and I am just pleased to know that I can still be the first through that barrier.

"I thought I might have got the world record last year; I was in shape to throw 87 to 88 metres in the Games and if I had accepted invitations to compete in the United States afterwards I would be up to those sort of marks. But I have taken the option to train and build up for the European championships which is the most important thing for me this summer."

Backley has never lost to Boden and he is looking forward to their next encounter, most likely to be in one of the early grand prix meetings, in Bratislava (June 20), Helsinki (June 27) or in front of Boden's home crowd, in Stockholm (July 2).

Boden's best last year ranked him only fifteenth in the world and, even when he added half a metre to his best in California the previous week, recording 82.84 metres, there was no suggestion of him even breaking into the all-time top 10. His record has still to be ratified by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Meanwhile, Mick Hill, the Commonwealth javelin silver medal winner, is recovering in hospital after a knee operation.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Miami Heat 105, Milwaukee Bucks 102; Dallas Mavericks 98, Detroit Pistons 98 (OT); Minnesota Timberwolves 110, Portland Trail Blazers 105; Los Angeles Lakers 116, Seattle SuperSonics 94.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia 76ers | 44 | 26 | .629 | – |
| Boston Celtics | 41 | 28 | .612 | 1½ |
| New York Knicks | 39 | 28 | .582 | 3½ |
| Washington Bullets | 25 | 43 | .368 | 18 |
| Miami Heat | 16 | 54 | .229 | 28 |
| New Jersey Nets | 15 | 53 | .221 | 28 |
| Central division | | | | |
| Detroit Pistons | 51 | 18 | .739 | – |
| Chicago Bulls | 44 | 23 | .657 | 6 |
| Milwaukee Bucks | 39 | 32 | .529 | 14½ |
| Indiana Pacers | 34 | 34 | .500 | 16½ |
| Atlanta Hawks | 32 | 36 | .471 | 18½ |
| Cleveland Cavaliers | 31 | 36 | .463 | 19 |
| Orlando Magic | 17 | 51 | .250 | 33½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah Jazz | 50 | 19 | .725 | – |
| San Antonio Spurs | 46 | 21 | .687 | 3 |
| Dallas Mavericks | 38 | 29 | .567 | 11 |
| Denver Nuggets | 36 | 32 | .529 | 13½ |
| Houston Rockets | 32 | 36 | .471 | 17½ |
| Minnesota Timberwolves | 18 | 50 | .265 | 31½ |
| Charlotte Hornets | 13 | 54 | .194 | 36 |
| Pacific division | | | | |
| Los Angeles Lakers | 51 | 16 | .761 | – |
| Portland Blazers | 49 | 20 | .710 | 3 |
| Phoenix Suns | 46 | 21 | .687 | 5 |
| Seattle SuperSonics | 34 | 34 | .500 | 17½ |
| Golden State Warriors | 31 | 36 | .463 | 20 |
| Los Angeles Clippers | 26 | 43 | .377 | 26 |
| Sacramento Kings | 22 | 48 | .324 | 29½ |

### CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Canberra Grammar School Under-13 89 (D Sales 7-24); Cranmor House Preparatory School (Croydon) 90-6 (D Sales 6) not out. Cranmor House won by 4 wickets.

### CYCLING

CRITERIUM INTERNATIONAL: Second stage (L'Isle-sur-le-Sorgue—Cavaillon, 95.5km): 1, G Dallas (Fr), 2:44:17; 2, J-C Leclercq (Fr); 3, L Fignon (Fr), same time; 4, R Golz (WG), 1min 12sec; 5, S Kelly (Irel); 6, B Piccke (Irel), same time. Third stage (Avignon, 12.5km individual time trial): 1, V Ekimov (USSR), 15min 05sec; two-trial: 1, V Ekimov (USSR), 15min 05sec; 2, J Gorospe (Sp), at 23; 3, M Indurain (Sp), 26; 4, T Cordes (Neth), 33; 5, Fignon 37; 6, Golz 38. Final placings: 1, Fignon 8:20:43; 2, Leclercq at 29sec; 3, Delion 42; 4, Gorospe 57; 5, Golz 1min 12sec; 6, Roche 1:28; 7, Indurain 1:32; 8, Kelly 1:32.

### FENCING

GLASGOW: Schools International: Scotland 4, England 4; Scotland 7, Wales 1; Scotland 8, Northern Ireland 0; England 8, Wales 0; England 9, Northern Ireland 0; Wales 4, Northern Ireland 3. Final positions: 1, Scotland; 2, England; 3, Wales; 4, Northern Ireland.

### GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 19.34pts avge; 2, N Faldo (GB), 16.76; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 15.59; 4, C Strange (US), 14.11; 5, M Calcavecchia (US), 12.75; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 12.34; 7, P Azinger (US), 11.95; 8, P Stewart (US), 11.69; 9, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 11.28; 10, T Kite (US), 10.81. Other British placings: 15, A Lyle, 7.91.

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR: Money-winners: 1, E Romero (Arg), £72,380; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), £67,087; 3, I Woosnam (GB), £66,660; 4, E Darcy (Eire), £56,677; 5, M Martin (Sp), £45,256; 6, V Fernandez (Arg), £39,715; 7, C O'Connor jun (Ireland), £37,572; 8, M Persson (Swe), £36,528; 9, D Feherty (GB), £35,982; 10, S McAllister (GB), £34,355.

### HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP FINALS (at Coventry): Men: Manchester United 22, Ruislip Eagles 25. Plate: Kirkby Select 20, Olympia Cannock 21. Women: Manchester United 14, Wakefield Metros 18. Plate: Ruislip Eagles 14, Great Dane 23.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (BHL): New York Rangers 7, Philadelphia Flyers 3; Washington Capitals 4, Calgary Flames 1; New Jersey Devils 4, Buffalo Sabres 3; Chicago Black Hawks 3, Detroit Red Wings 2; Hartford Whalers 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Winnipeg Jets 3, Vancouver Canucks 3 (OT).

WALES CONFERENCE

| Patrick division | W | L | D | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *New York Rangers | 35 | 28 | 13 | 83 |
| New Jersey Devils | 34 | 34 | 8 | 76 |
| Washington Capitals | 34 | 37 | 5 | 73 |
| Pittsburgh Penguins | 32 | 38 | 7 | 71 |
| Philadelphia Flyers | 30 | 38 | 9 | 69 |
| New York Islanders | 29 | 37 | 11 | 69 |
| Adams division | | | | |
| *Boston Bruins | 44 | 25 | 7 | 95 |
| *Buffalo Sabres | 41 | 27 | 8 | 90 |
| *Montreal Canadiens | 40 | 28 | 9 | 89 |
| *Hartford Whalers | 37 | 32 | 7 | 81 |
| Quebec Nordiques | 12 | 57 | 7 | 31 |

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

| Norris division | W | L | D | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Chicago Black Hawks | 39 | 32 | 6 | 84 |
| *St Louis Blues | 38 | 32 | 9 | 81 |
| *Toronto Maple Leafs | 37 | 35 | 4 | 78 |
| Minnesota North Stars | 34 | 38 | 4 | 72 |
| Detroit Red Wings | 28 | 35 | 13 | 69 |
| Smythe division | | | | |
| *Calgary Flames | 39 | 23 | 15 | 93 |
| *Edmonton Oilers | 36 | 27 | 14 | 86 |
| *Winnipeg Jets | 36 | 31 | 10 | 82 |
| *Los Angeles Kings | 34 | 36 | 6 | 74 |
| Vancouver Canucks | 24 | 40 | 14 | 62 |

*clinched playoff place

AMHERST, Nova Scotia: Exhibition match: Canada 2, Soviet Union 3.

### SHOOTING

BISLEY: Greater London and South East Championship: 1, J Peachey (Old Johnians), 147.16; 2, D Harvey (London University), 146.13; 3, T Walters (Falcons Rc), 145.15.

### ORIENTEERING

SHEFFIELD: British championships: Men: 13.1km: 1, S Hale (Perth), 78.36sec; 2, A Kitchin (Edinburgh Interkopers), 78.17; 3, R Jones (Glasgow University), 80.53. Women: 7.5km: 1, Y Hague (Edinburgh University), 54.58sec; 2, G Hale (Cleveland) 63.50; 3, C Bolland (Edinburgh University), 64.10. Relays (at Barnsley): Men: 3 x 7.3km: 1, South Yorkshire 2min 08.45sec; 2, Edinburgh Interkopers, 2.16.57; 3, Sheffield University, 2.17.58. Women: 3 x 5km: 1, South London 2min 06.29sec; 2, Edinburgh University, 2.07.55; 3, Southampton (no time given).

### RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Public Schools championships: Peter Grey Cup (junior colts): Quarter-finals: Eton (M Spencer-Nairn and P Rees) bt Radley (J Veysey and E Baun), 15-2, 15-6, 15-8; Wellington (H Cox and T Newman) bt Harrow (K Foster and N Harris), 15-11, 15-7, 10-15, 7-15, 15-8; Winchester (J Eltringham and S Croft-Baker) bt Clifton (R Sharma and D Bulaki), 15-7, 15-2, 15-8; Malvern (P Hardinges and T Sheehan) bt Charterhouse (G Tassell and G Laderdung), 15-0, 15-2, 15-2. Colts doubles: First round: Malborough (T Stewart-Liberty and C Whitaker) bt Wellington (S Beacroft and D Burroughs), 15-11, 17-15, 15-11, 9-15, 17-15; Harrow (C Hill and A De Cadenet) bt Cheltenham (C Liverton and A Wilson), 15-5, 15-8, 15-5. Professional Association Cup (for second pairs): Quarter-finals: Harrow (A Orchard and C White) bt Cheltenham (O Williams and J Ellwood-Russell), 15-12, 15-0, 15-0, 15-9; Tonbridge (D Brice and G Constant) bt Marlborough (N Akroyd-McGregor and T Lockhart), 15-9, 15-4, 15-2, 15-0; Haileybury (O Greff and N Du Boulay) bt Clifton (J Nemes and B Newman), 15-11, 15-6, 12-15, 15-11, 15-3; Eton (H Mackenzie and J Norman) bt Rugby (J Simpson and T Tuthill), 15-8, 10-15, 15-18, 15-9, 15-5, 15-6.

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British Open championships: Final: N Smith bt W Boone, 15-4, 15-7, 15-8, 15-10.

### REAL TENNIS

TROON: George Wimpey Scottish Open championships: (British unless stated): Quarter-finals: L Deucher (Aus), bt N Wood, 6-0, 6-5; P Tabley (Aus), bt M Devine 6-2, 6-2; C Ronaldson bt M Hayward (Aus), 6-0, 6-3; J Snow bt K Sheldon 6-0, 6-3. Doubles: Quarter-finals: K Sheldon and J Howell bt F Willis and M Devine, 6-3, 6-3. Semi-finals: C Ronaldson and L Deucher (Aus) bt J Hryniova and N Wood, 6-1, 6-1; J Snow and K King bt K Sheldon and J Howell, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5.

PETWORTH: George Wimpey British Amateur championships: Qualifying event: First round: P Allen bt R White 6-1, 6-5. Second round: D Weston bt P Allen, 5-2, 6-3; J Wilkinson bt A Maxwell, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Third round: J Wilkinson bt D Weston, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

### YACHTING

DATCHET WATER: Europe world qualifier: 1, N Heather; 2, K Miller; 3, C Brookes; 4, K Percy.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH STUDENTS PREMIERSHIP FINAL: Leeds Polytechnic 44, Liverpool University 24.

### RUGBY UNION

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: Final: Hereford 22, Old Yardleians 9 (at Moseley).

NUKU'ALOFA, Fiji: South Pacific three nations' tournament: Fiji 19, Tonga 9.

### SNOOKER

CARLISLE: Stormseal Matchroom League: J White (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-3; W Thorne (Eng) drew with D Mountjoy (Wales), 4-4.

LEICESTER: UK women's championship: Semi-finals: A Fisher (Eng) bt S Dick (Eng), 4-0; S Hillyard (Eng) bt A Farren (Eng), 4-3. Final: Fisher bt Hillyard, 5-0.

### TENNIS

DARLINGTON: Peart's North-East open championship: Finals. Men: B Parker bt A Reed, 6-1, 6-3. Women: J Holden bt G Smith, 6-1, 6-0. Doubles: Men: Parker and S Damer bt Reed and A Kershaw, 6-4, 7-6. Women: G Smith and T Smith bt A Clayton and M Phillips, 6-3, 6-3. Mixed: T Smith and Damer bt G Smith and Parker, 6-3, 6-3.

LINCOLN: LTA national series finals: Men: D Kirk bt P Ranson, 6-4, 6-4. Women: S Elmore wo S Bentley, scr.

ATP: Rankings (US unless stated): 1, I Lendl (Cz) 3,377pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe) 2,782; 3, B Becker (WG) 2,778; 4, A Agassi 1,825; 5, B Gilbert 1,476; 6, J McEnroe 1,355; 7, A Krickstein 1,325; 8, J Berger 1,216; 9, M Chang 1,156, 10, T Mayotte 1,102. Leading money-winners: 1, Lendl, $544,567; 2, Becker, $344,478; 3, Edberg, $329,745; 4, Agassi, $289,902; 5, P Sampras, $229,015; 6, Mayotte, $168,410; 7, Gilbert, $137,275; 8, E Sánchez (Sp), $134,585; 9, J Hlasek (Switz), $129,237; 10, Berger, $122,110.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Help for Brind

Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's pitches consultant, is to be assisted by three deputies for the 1990 season.

Peter Marron, of Old Trafford, David Brindle, of Bristol, and Tom Flintoft, of Southampton, have been appointed to help the TCCB pitches committee when Brind's work as Surrey's head groundsman prevent him carrying out his consultancy duties.

### Sports post

Canberra (Reuter) — Robert de Castella, the marathon runner, was appointed director of the government-financed Australian Institute of Sport yesterday. De Castella, a double Commonwealth Games champion, will continue running and aims to compete in his fourth Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992.

### Fighting on

Mark Goult, the Bantamweight boxing champion, was still in a critical condition yesterday, six days after a blood clot was removed from his brain following his Southern Area championship win.

### Opening up

Bucharest (AFP) — The Romanian Government gave approval for martial arts to be practised for the first time, in an official announcement made yesterday. Under the Ceausescus only judo was officially allowed.

### Team man

Chris Boardman, the double Commonwealth Games cycling bronze medal winner, is in Britain's team for the 1,100-mile East Berlin-Prague-Warsaw marathon starting on May 8.

### Greek charge

Athens (Reuter) — Costas Kiape, an official of the Greek Football Federation, was remanded in custody on forgery charges yesterday after starting a dispute over allegations that football matches were fixed.

### Top skiers

Kerr Blyth won the slalom event at the British Universities skiing championships at Aviemore yesterday. Claire Drysdale, of Aberdeen, won the women's title.

### Racket win

The unseeded Wellington pairing of Hugo Cox and Tom Newman secured their place in the final of the Peter Gray Cup, the junior colts' event of the public schools rackets championships at the Queen's Club yesterday with a straight-games victory over the fourth seeds, John Eltringham and Simon Croft-Baker, of Wellington.

### Takeover bid

Directors of third division Huddersfield Town are discussing a proposed takeover bid by a consortium of West Yorkshire businessmen. The club's board have come under criticism after shareholders were told at the annual meeting of a loss of almost £300,000 last year.

## SNOW REPORTS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AUSTRIA | | | | | | | | |
| Obergurgl | 65 | 125 | good | powder | icy | snow | -1 | 26/3 |
| *10cm of new snow, excellent skiing in prospect when weather clears* | | | | | | | | |
| St Anton | 30 | 280 | good | powder | fair | snow | 1 | 26/3 |
| *Snowing all day, powder on an icy base* | | | | | | | | |
| FRANCE | | | | | | | | |
| Isola | 20 | 60 | good | varied | fair | snow | -2 | 26/3 |
| *Snow has arrived at last but high winds have closed most lifts* | | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 126 | 230 | fair | varied | icy | snow | -5 | 26/3 |
| *Some powder on lee slopes, pistes very hard* | | | | | | | | |
| Val thorens | 100 | 280 | good | powder | fair | snow | 1 | 26/3 |
| *Heavy overnight snowfall down to 1300m. Poor visibility impairing good skiing* | | | | | | | | |
| ITALY | | | | | | | | |
| Cervinia | 60 | 240 | icy | crust | icy | snow | -1 | 26/3 |
| *Some lifts closed due to high winds, excellent skiing on lower slopes* | | | | | | | | |
| SWITZERLAND | | | | | | | | |
| Gstaad | 5 | 30 | good | powder | closed | snow | 5 | 26/3 |
| *Heavy snowfall means excellent piste and off piste skiing* | | | | | | | | |
| Verbier | 0 | 220 | good | powder | worn | snow | -5 | 26/3 |
| *Fresh snow but poor visibility, all lifts open* | | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 10 | 100 | good | powder | closed | snow | -2 | 26/3 |
| *Snowing hard, excellent new powder on and off piste* | | | | | | | | |
| Zermatt | 5 | 190 | fair | crust | closed | cloud | 5 | 26/3 |
| *Most pistes now icy due to temperature drop but some new snow has fallen* | | | | | | | | |

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# SPORT

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# Robson tells his men to temper their aggression

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

BOBBY ROBSON yesterday issued a stern warning to the Brazilians. The champions of South America should not expect to be able to coast, or "soft shoe shuffle", as the England manager poetically describes their approach to recent games on the Continent, during the international at Wembley tomorrow night.

"We won't soft shoe shuffle," he said. "We don't play that way and we wouldn't want to, anyway, in front of a full house. People will expect a high performance from us and that is what we intend to give. Besides, there are one or two players still competing for their places.

"We weren't in second gear against Italy in November. We tried to go out there and beat them. It was the same against Yugoslavia in December and we did beat them with brisk, adventurous football, not the conservative way. Brazil have concentrated more on not losing than winning."

But his fighting talk is laced with a couple of his own notes of caution. As well as telling those in his side who are reputed to be England's hard men to temper their aggression, he has instructed the whole side to limit the sense of adventure.

Last week in Zurich, where he was praised for his sporting reaction to the infamous Argentina goal scored by the hands of Maradona and God four years ago, Robson learned that violent tackles will not be tolerated during the World Cup. Referees are this week receiving their instructions from FIFA, the game's governing body.

"What happens in the World Cup will set the tone for the next four years," Sepp Blatter, FIFA's secretary, said in Switzerland. "We are the window to the world and I don't care how many yellow cards there are during the tournament. The game is more important."

No Englishman is more likely to be punished this summer than Pearce. With two rash lunges, he threatened to dismember Donadoni and Stojkovic, the leading lights of Italy and Yugoslavia respectively, in the last two internationals and Robson recognizes that his left back will need to be more circumspect.

He said: "You can get away with it in our League but in the World Cup you have to be more careful. You have to be hard but fair. That is all Pearce, McMahon and Butcher have to do. We mustn't stop tackling, otherwise people will go past us.

"The Italians and the Spaniards have defenders who are vigorous tacklers, like us, and the West Germans are no slouches either. I just hope that the directives to the World Cup referees are sensible and that they punish only tackles that are either late, high or dangerous."

Although Robson has seen Brazil engaged in half-hearted fixtures, he respects both the strength of their defence and the incisive nature of their attack. In attempting to break down a sweeper system which has cracked only twice in 14 games, England must guard against the counter.

"There is a danger that you get over-stretched and sucked in. They have the artistry, the speed and the imagination to hit you on the break. When they did go forward against Italy and The Netherlands, they looked potentially very dangerous and they are the best side I've seen over the last 18 months."

Robson indicated that Brazil's central core is so powerful that he intends to pierce them on the flanks. Barnes and Waddle, therefore, will probably both be selected not only to spread England's attack but also to occupy full backs who are the principal creative sources at the back.

ENGLAND (probable): P Shilton; G Stevens, D Walker, T Butcher, S Pearce, C Waddle, S McMahon, D Platt, J Barnes, P Beardsley, G Lineker.

## World Cup crackdown

TIRRENIA, Italy (Reuter) — Officials refereeing this summer's World Cup matches in Italy gathered near Pisa yesterday for a three-day meeting to ensure uniform refereeing of the 52 games.

At an International Football Federation (FIFA) workshop last week, officials said referees would be ordered to punish violent play severely, and that players attempting tackles from behind should be sent off. They will also receive advice on how to avoid inciting crowd violence.

# Maradona pulls out of game against Scotland

By a Special Correspondent

ARGENTINA'S World Cup captain, Diego Maradona, has dealt an unexpected blow to Scotland's preparations for the World Cup finals in Italy in June.

The midfield inspiration behind the Argentinians' victory in the 1986 tournament in Mexico has pulled out of the South Americans' international match with Scotland at Hampden Park tomorrow night.

After leading his club, Napoli, to a 3-1 win over Juventus on Sunday that keeps hopes of a second Italian league title intact, he announced that instead of heading north, to Glasgow, this week, he was instead heading east, to Japan, for a week's break away from football with his family.

"I'm on holiday," he told reporters at Rome's Fiumicino airport. He is also due to fulfill an advertising contract in Japan.

With Maradona now a non-starter, the Heart of Midlothian central defender, Craig Levein, now faces a potentially gentler introduction to the international stage.

He, alongside the Everton midfield player, Stuart McCall, is set to make his international debut for Scotland tomorrow, and stake a belated claim to a seat on the plane to Italy in the summer.

Levein, aged 25, and coveted by a series of clubs south of the border until his career was almost cut short by injury, is, with McCall, part of an experimental line-up named by the Scotland coach, Andy Roxburgh.

"It's time to push them into the arena," Roxburgh said of the two players. "This match against Argentina and next month's game with East Germany are all about learning. Our approach is geared towards Italy and we are looking for individuals, or combinations, which can help us.

"What is the point of beating Argentina and then losing to Costa Rica in the World Cup? We have got to use these games to learn things."

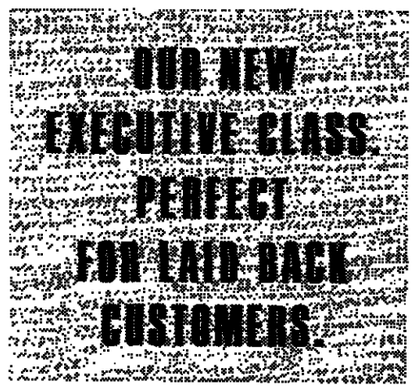
Two of Levein's initial visitors in hospital, after the first of several operations on damaged knee ligaments, were Roxburgh and his assistant Craig Brown. Roxburgh said: "It is a remarkable achievement that he has managed to reach this stage again after almost two years on crutches.

"When Craig and I went to see him in hospital, you wouldn't have given tuppence for his chances of coming back. It's tremendous that he has recovered so well."

Of McCall, he said: "He has matured. He used to be dominated by Peter Reid at Everton, but now he has developed into a typical Scottish midfielder who can pass".

The changes may not stop with the inclusion of Levein and McCall. Despite their superb showing during the qualifying rounds, the Rangers pairing of Ally McCoist and Maurice Johnston have looked jaded of late.

Robert Fleck and Alan McInally may, therefore, come into the picture.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# The long and the short of it

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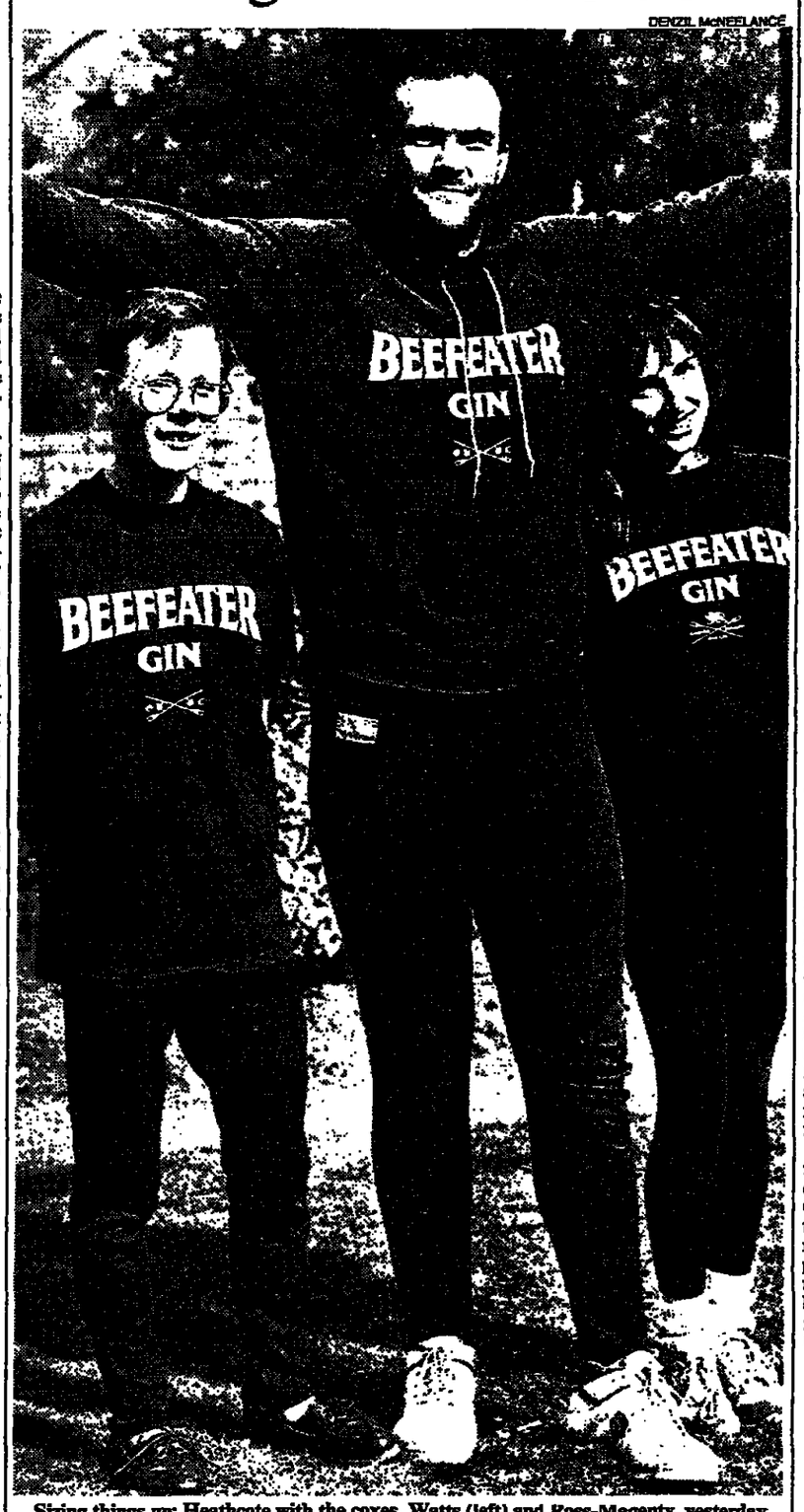



Sizing things up: Heathcote with the coxes, Watts (left) and Ross-Magenty, yesterday

# Heavyweight advantage

By Mike Rosewell

CHRIS HEATHCOTE, the Oxford No. 6, scaled a record 17st 5lb at the weigh-in for the Beefeater Boat Race at Putney yesterday. Heathcote, who celebrated his 27th birthday this week, stands 6ft 5in tall and spent five years of his life as an army commando before going to Oxford. Toby Backhouse, who rowed for Cambridge last year, was the previous heaviest competitor at 16st 11lb.

But Heathcote appreciates that weight is not all important. "You don't want to carry too much over 4¼ miles," he said.

The Oxford crew weight of 14st 12lb per man is also a record for the event, being half a pound per man heavier than their 1988 crew. Cambridge, meanwhile, are threatening records at the other end of the spectrum. Their crew weight of 12st 10½lb is the lightest since 1963 and their No. 2, Richard Staite, at 11st 3lb, is the lightest competitor since Peter Webb rowed for Cambridge in 1963 at 11st.

On the water rather than the scales, Cambridge spent the day on technique and "sharpening exercises"; their finishing coach, Mark Lees, feeling that they needed short, sharp work after their appearance in the Tideway Head on Saturday.

The crew's finishes have clearly improved over the last week at the lower ratings, but at higher ratings the boat tends to check and more run is needed.

Oxford had a quiet morning excursion before a delayed evening outing with their reserve crew, Isis. Both crews will be concentrating on stake boat start practice this morning.

*The 136th University Boat Race is due to start from Putney at 4.30pm on Saturday*

## Boat Race crews

CAMBRIDGE: R C Young (Bedford and Downing), 12st 13lb, bow; R J Staite (Prince Henry's and St Catharine's), 11st 3lb; D E Hole (Foster's Grammar and Selwyn), 13st 3lb; E C Clark (Shrewsbury and Trinity), 11st 10lb; P M Mant* (Cheltenham and Selwyn), 14st 3lb; G R Pooley* (Berkhamsted, Imperial College and St John's), 12st 11lb; S L Fowler (Eton and Robinson), 12st 12lb; A J Wright (King Edward VI, Norwich and Corpus Christi), 13st 2lb, stroke; L Ross-Magenty (Godolphin and Latymer and New Hall), 7st 10lb, cox.

OXFORD: T G Slocock (Shrewsbury and St John's), 14st 6lb, bow; R J Obliotzer (Hampton and St Catherine's), 13st 12lb; D J Miller III (Syracuse University, US and University), 14st 13lb; M C Pinsent (Eton and St Catherine's), 15st 7lb; R A Hall* (Wymondham College, Robinson College Cambridge and Oriel), 13st 13lb; C J Heathcote (Allhallows and Jesus), 17st 5lb; J W C Searle (Hampton and Christ Church), 13st 10lb; M P Gaffney* (US Naval Academy and Hertford), 15st 4lb, stroke; M W Watts (Westminster and Oriel), 7st 9lb, cox.

* denotes a Blue

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford: 10am and 3pm. Cambridge: noon and 5pm.

# Local man Brazier qualifies

DAVID BRAZIER made full use of his local knowledge as he joined his fellow Petworth member, Julian Wilkinson, in qualifying for the George Wimpey British Amateur Real Tennis championships at Petworth (Sally Jones writes).

Brazier, a former England squash international, fought back from one set down to defeat the lively left-hander, Barry Clive, in a fascinating battle, then beat Alan Goulty, of MCC, in straight sets.

He now meets yet Andrew Page in the first round of the Amateur itself, which starts on Saturday at Queen's club.

RESULTS: First round: J Miller bt W Coghlan, 6-1, 6-1. Second round: A Goulty bt J Miller, 6-5, 6-4; D Brazier bt B Clive, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. Third round: Brazier bt Goulty, 6-3, 6-3.

● The World No. 1, Lachlan Deuchar, of Australia, underlined his dominance in the final of the George Wimpey Scottish Open Real Tennis Championships at Troon, dropping only one game to the World No. 1 amateur, Julian Snow.

RESULTS: Semi-finals (GB unless stated): L Deuchar (Aus) bt P Tabley (Aus), 6-4, 6-1; J Snow bt C Ronaldson, 6-3, 6-5. Final: Deuchar bt Snow, 6-0, 6-1. Doubles: semi-finals: J Snow and K King bt K Sheldon and J Howell, 6-3, 5-6, 6-5. Final: Deuchar and Ronaldson bt Snow and King, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

# Doing business with the brisk trade winds

Lawrie Smith

*The skipper of Rothmans sends his third report on the fifth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race.*

THE GODS have answered my prayers — or most of them. Our tactic to work out to the east of the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet during this fifth leg from Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale has paid off. Over the weekend the stronger trade winds experienced 500 miles off the Brazilian coast have lifted us from eighth to first.

For the first time during this race we are in the driving seat, 79 miles ahead of Peter Blake's New Zealand ketch, Steinlager 2, and sailing close-hauled on a direct course for Recife, the first turning point on this 5,500-mile leg. Morale on board has been sky-high all weekend. We are on a roll, and as each satellite pass shows us pulling further ahead, enthusiasm on board for even the most menial tasks climbs to fresh heights. All of a sudden, the heat and humidity no longer sap our strength and stamina.

There is no room yet for complacency, though. First, the Doldrums, then holes in the north-east trades could yet lose us all we have gained. But the history of this race is that the winds have invariably favoured the leader. The Doldrums, in particular, can be likened to a traffic jam on a motorway. The first one to clear often opens up an even greater distance on those following behind. That was how Steinlager got the drop on us during the first leg and, if Lady Luck continues to smile at us, we expect to pull out a further 60 to 100 miles before the finish.

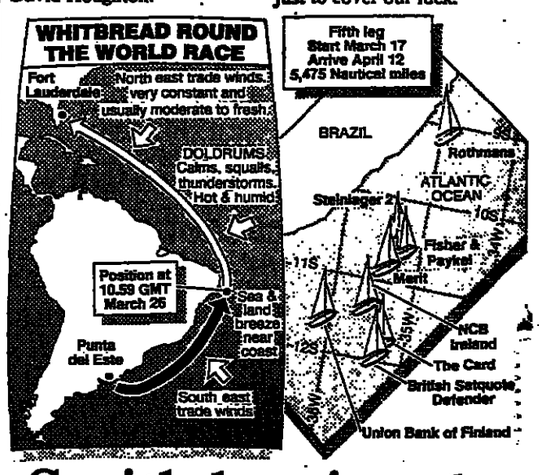
Our leap up the standings reminds me of that famous quip from my golfing hero, Gary Player: "It's funny, but the more I practise, the better my luck seems to be." For this particular run of luck, we can thank the research carried out by Rothmans' two weather gurus, Roger Badham and David Houghton.

We have followed their pre-race advice almost to the letter and their forecasts have been bang on. Indeed, up until yesterday, our course and distance have matched their earlier predictions to within 10 miles.

If the weather continues to mirror their forecasts for the rest of the leg, I will never say a bad thing about weathermen again. David Houghton, who retired last year as director of the Weather Centre at Bracknell, has been advising us throughout the race, and Badham, a New Zealander, joined the team in time to advise us for the third stage of the race from Fremantle. Roger worked alongside me in the Kookaburra America's Cup challenge and we have been kicking ourselves for not following his advice during the last stage round Cape Horn.

"Whatever you do, stay up above 55 south," he told us when departing New Zealand. Instead, we followed the pack down to 60 south and lost two days. That lesson cost us dearly but gave me enormous faith in his and David's long-term predictions.

The next big test, for our nerves as much as their forecasts, comes later this week when we run out of wind in the Doldrums. We are supremely confident in their predictions for where this band of calm is at its narrowest but we will all be sleeping with fingers tightly crossed, just to cover our luck.




# Smith leaving the world in his wake

By Barry Pickthall

"FORTUNE favours the bold" was how officials described the result of Lawrie Smith's decision to take Rothmans out to the eastern side of the Whitbread race fleet as the 22 yachts headed north towards the Equator.

By noon yesterday, Smith's British pace-setter had opened up a 79-mile lead over Peter Blake's second-placed New Zealand challenger, Steinlager 2, leaving Fisher & Paykel, Merit and Ireland's NCB in her wake. Rothmans' position appears to look better with each successive day.

Yesterday the headwinds that helped Smith and his crew consolidate their lead over the weekend swung back to the south-east, easing their course for Recife at the north-east corner of Brazil, where the fleet will set a new course north-westwards for the West Indies.

The joint Services entry, Satquote British Defender, dropped to eighth yesterday but has also moved out to the east of the fleet in the expectation of emulating Rothmans' leap up the standings.

Further back, Patrick Tabarly's L'Esprit de Liberté has recaptured the lead in the struggle developing within the small boat division.

LATEST POSITIONS (compiled at 10:59GMT, with miles to Fort Lauderdale): Maxi division: 1, Rothmans (L Smith, GB), 3,480 miles; 2, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 3,559; 3, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 3,552; 4, Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 3,556; 5, NCB Ireland (J English, Ire), 3,601; equal 6, UBF Finland (L Ingvall, Fin) and The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 3,620; 8, Satquote British Defender (Cdr C Watkins, GB), 3,629; 9, Belmont Finland (H Hankimo, Fin), 3,634; 10, Fortuna (J de la Gandara, Sp), 3,684; 11, Gatorade (G Falck, It), 3,699; 12, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 3,701; 13, Fazisi (S Novak, USSR), 3,738; 14, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 3,776. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Neuts, Neth), 3,977. Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberte (P Tabarly, Fr), 3,888; 2, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 3,896; 3, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 4,011; 4, Schlussel von Bremen (Dr P Weidner, WG), 4,046; 5, La Poste (B Malle, Fr), 4,101. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 3,909; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 4,129.

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# Outrageous genius under threat of final frame

By Steve Acteson

THE GUILD HALL, Preston, has been witness to the extremes that mark out the outrageous snooker career of Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, whose playing genius and wanton behaviour have enthralled and infuriated in turn.

It was the venue for his achievement of the seemingly impossible — recovering from being 7-0 down to defeat the then almost invincible Steve Davis in the 1983 United Kingdom championship final. Higgins was truly marvellous.

Three years later he seemingly got away with the impossible yet again at the same hall and the same tournament after his notorious head-butting of the tournament director, Paul Hatherell. On that occasion Higgins was truly appalling.

He received no more than a five-tournament ban and a £12,000 fine for that offence, instead of the *sine die* suspension that many expected and some actively craved.

Today Higgins, now aged 41, and twice world champion, will hope to triumph once more in adversity when he plays James Wattana, the Thai prodigy, over the best of 19 frames for a place in next month's Embassy world championship finals at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

The adversity would appear to be all of his own making once again, for some time this week the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association will receive an official complaint from Dennis Taylor that his Northern Ireland team-mate, Higgins, said to him, among other things, "next time you come to Northern Ireland I will have you shot," during their defeat by Canada in the British Car Rental World Cup final in Bournemouth on Saturday.

The remark was heard by John Spencer, the chairman of the WPBSA. It seems likely that Higgins will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute yet again, but, most probably, the matter will then be sent before an independent disciplinary tribunal.

If that should happen and Higgins loses today, he could be making his last sad appearance in a tournament on all but Irish soil.

To threaten a fellow professional in such a way — if the accusation is proven — must surely have a terminal effect on his career.

Yesterday Higgins withdrew his remarks, saying: "I wish to apologize for the remarks made to Dennis Taylor, said in the heat of the moment, and which I now publicly retract. I very much regret my outburst.

"In this tournament I was not playing for Alex Higgins, or financial gain — my heart was in doing my very best for my country."

Before Saturday's outburst Higgins had said: "I'm desperate to get through to Sheffield. It hurt me so much that I didn't make it through for the first time last year and had to watch on television.

"People have said that I'm finished but going up from No. 24 to No. 13 on the rankings proves I've still got the talent and the willpower to succeed. The most important thing, however, is that I still love the game."

Applause can be a drug and as his ability wanes Higgins appears to find his fixes in ever more tawdry ways. His repeated insistence that opponents constantly stand up while he is at the table are difficult to understand, as he does it, too. His opponents do it for the same reason as he does, simple anxiety over what may be going on at the table to their detriment but beyond their control.

It is a paradox that when, on Friday, Higgins begins his defence of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters that he won in such fine style and seemingly against all odds last year, that his opponent may well be Taylor. Tomorrow Taylor plays the Canadian captain, Cliff Thornburn, for that privilege.

Should it prove to be Higgins versus Taylor in front of the most excitable crowd that snooker attracts, at Goffs, County Kildare, a short drive from Dublin, then the atmosphere will be remarkable.

It will be rich box office, but then Higgins has always been just that.